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Shoppers line-up at the LCBO store in the Manulife Centre last night in anticipation of a strike by workers. The scene was repeated in most other stores across the province.

Strike averted

LCBO and workers agree to remain at bargaining table

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario and its unionized workers made a last-minute decision late last night to put aside talk of going on strike — at least for now — and continue negotiations.

A statement was posted on the website of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union just 40 minutes before its workers were set to strike.

"We would not be extending the strike deadline if we did not feel that we can reach a collective agreement through negotiation," said Vanda Klumper, chairwoman of the union bargaining team, in a statement.

The union said the strike deadline will be extended until a deal is reached or one or both parties walk away from the table.

Union members are being encouraged to report to work today.

The possibility of a strike prompted restaurateurs and residents yesterday to rush out to stock up on booze, in some cases enduring lengthy lineups only to find already barren shelves inside.

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Key issues

- The key issue for the union is the rights of casual LCBO workers. The union is upset because these employees don't receive vacation, sick time or benefits.

City workers furious as Mayor Miller sidesteps picket line

STRIKE Striking Toronto workers were fuming after seeing Mayor David Miller slip into City Hall through a special "picket free" side entrance reserved for children attending a daycare centre in the building.

"It probably says two things about him. David Miller is a coward. He doesn't want to face the employees he has put on the street," said CUPE spokesperson Charlotte Monardo.

David Miller

Miller spokesperson Stuart Green acknowledged the mayor used that entrance.

"No one told us about (the protocol). I came in through the side door today myself," Green said, defending the mayor's decision to use it.

"He's got to come to work. We'll get in the building whichever way is best for us."

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Woman dies after being struck by truck
A woman is dead after she was hit by a truck on Bloor Street West just west of Lansdowne. The woman was walking in the area around 2:50 p.m. yesterday when she was hit. Police weren't certain of her age or exactly what led to the crash. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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NORTEL NETWORKS

TSE hangs up on Nortel

Nortel Networks Corp. common shares will be delisted from Toronto stock market after the closing bell Friday. The Toronto Stock Exchange made the announcement in the wake of the telecom equipment company's court-supervised restructuring, which includes selling part of its wireless network business to Nokia Siemens for $650 million US. Nortel is also in talks to sell other parts of the business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tale of two city collections

Pick up as usual in Etobicoke, Toronto's garbage piles up

It is an everyday scene that has suddenly become a novelty: Waste bins lining the curb, garbage trucks making their rounds.

Only in Etobicoke, that is, where garbage collection continues as usual despite the strike by city workers.

Garbage pickup was contracted out in Etobicoke before amalgamation, to the good fortune of residents who came home yesterday to empty bins.

It's "wonderful," said 70-year-old retiree Johanna Brett as she stood in her garden north of Bloor Street, just west of the Humber River. She credits the private contractor, Turtle Island Recycling, with saving her and her neighbours from the piles of trash that will soon fill the rest of the city — and the vermin she fears will come with them.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Turtle Island Recycling pick up garbage, green bin and blue bin in Etobicoke, which had collection contracted out before the amalgamation in Toronto.

Like many of her neighbours, she wonders whether people will dump garbage in Etobicoke, knowing that pickup there continues.

"It's a relief for sure," said Nella, as she brought her recycling bin to the curb before the truck came by.

The 43-year-old, who did not want to give her last name, said it would be nice if the rest of the city had private companies picking up their trash, too.

On nearby streets, City of Toronto public trash cans were covered with plastic to keep out garbage, while along the Humber River plastic bottles and paper plates overflowed from a garbage bin and baked in the sun.

"I think that garbage is just a huge issue," said Elizabeth Phillips as she stood beside her just-emptied garbage bin.

The 50-year-old chef expects illegal dumping to get worse as the strike goes on, particularly in Etobicoke.

Just across the Humber River, residents who would normally put out their trash today couldn't help but find it unfair.

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Torontonians are clear: Get back to work

STRIKE This is all the union's fault. Scrap the sick-bank system. End the strike.

The feeling among GTA residents is clear, according to an Angus Reid poll conducted for the Toronto Star. More than three in four, 76 per cent, oppose the strike. More than two-thirds, 71 per cent, think CUPE should drop demands for an agreement that allows workers to bank 18 sick days a year. And an overwhelming 81 per cent favour provincial back-to-work legislation.

Toronto is on Day 3 of a strike by 30,000 city workers.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday, Mayor David Miller wouldn't comment on what's happening at the bargaining table, or on the issues being negotiated.

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Vastly different pick ups

There are two kinds of residential garbage collectors in the city: Municipal employees walking the picket line in the blazing summer sun and the ones who are working today.

The latter are employed by Turtle Island Recycling, the company the City of Toronto pays more than $8.5 million a year to pick up waste in Etobicoke, where collection has been contracted out since before amalgamation.

"I'd rather work for the city." Unknown

Turtle Island management did not want to talk to the Toronto Star, but two waste collectors paused briefly to talk about their pay and benefits yesterday.

Their workdays are longer than those of city garbage collector's, their wages lower, and their sick pay nonexistent. Never mind bankable sick days.

"I'd rather work for the city," said one, declining to give his name.

The second driver pointed out another difference between him and a city worker. "Two-and-half years, haven't had a raise," he said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Strike instruction

The city is asking residents and businesses that normally have curbside collection to:

- Keep and store garbage for the first week of the strike.
- Mix organic bin contents with regular garbage, since it will all go to landfill after the strike.
- Tie garbage in double plastic bags, which can be dropped off at transfer stations.
- If the strike continues, consider using additional residential drop-off locations, mostly parks, available at the end of the week.

Safety knowledge sinks

WATER Ontario adults are failing to earn top marks across the board when it comes to knowing how to safeguard kids in and around the water, according to a report card released yesterday.

60 The percentage of an adult's water safety knowledge.

Residents earned a "C" grade for having an average of 60 per cent when it comes to their water safety knowledge. The results were part of the first-ever report card on water safety and drowning prevention by the Lifesaving Society.

The report found 33 per cent thought water wings, arm floaties and inflatable tubes or rings are effective flotation devices for kids.

But those items are not safe because if a child falls into the water, they won't allow the child to turn right side up, said Barbara Byers, public education director for the Lifesaving Society. On the other hand, a life-jacket does have sufficient flotation in the front to do so, she added.

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Bike crash leaves woman seriously injured
A Pickering woman is in serious condition after crashing her motorcycle into a house. She is scheduled for reconstructive surgery. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SIU fails to make 'hardcore' changes

The province's civilian police watchdog has adopted all the "no-brainer" recommendations and failed to make any "hardcore" changes to deal with the police bias clouding its investigations nine months after a scathing report, Ontario's ombudsman said yesterday.

FILE PHOTO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario ombudsman Andre Marin says SIU has only implemented easy recommendations nine months after his police bias report.

"Quite frankly, the impression I get from the SIU is that they've eaten their dessert before their main course; they've latched on to easy recommendations," ombudsman Andre Marin said yesterday as he released his annual report.

Marin had called for a massive overhaul of the Special Investigations Unit in a special report last September, calling the watchdog a "toothless tiger" that had lost the public's confidence.

Investigations into police shootings were done "through blue-coloured glasses," Marin had said as he made 46 recommendations, including 25 aimed directly at the SIU. Those included recommendations that the agency aggressively seek the reasons for police non-co-operation and ensure police officers who are witness to a police shooting be questioned immediately.

"Any qualified investigator will tell you that the best evidence is your freshest evidence — look at the biggest black eye given to the RCMP as a result of the (Robert) Dziekanski report: Apart from the actual discharging of the Taser, it was the suggestion officers had colluded in preparing their notes before giving statements to the investigating authorities," Marin said.

Marin's office is now launching a review into the SIU's response to find out what happened to the recommendations.

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Vaughan approves code

A controversy-plagued Vaughan City Council has finally approved in principle a code of conduct that prohibits — among other things — consuming alcohol on the taxpayer's tab and offering office-expense contracts to relatives.

The newly drafted 31-page code, complete with commentary on each of the 21 rules, replaces a skimpy two-page document that dates to 1996.

Councillors hope the code assembled by new integrity commissioner Suzanne Craig will provide some clarity on how councillors should conduct themselves and put an end to the controversies that have dogged council.

The code will be open to community input over the summer before final adoption sometime in fall.

One hot potato that emerged at yesterday's council meeting was the question of tracking donations councillors solicit for community events from businesses, including lobbyists and developers with business before the city.

Such fundraising currently falls outside of city policies and election finance rules. Clauses regulating it were included, but removed before it came before council.

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21 The number of code of conduct rules put in place for Vaughan city councillors to follow in the 31 page report updated from 1996.
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TTC cameras catch glimpse of suspect

ASSAULT Video cameras on a TTC bus have snapped a picture of a man who exposed himself to a fellow passenger.

A woman was travelling on bus number 38 Highland Creek, at 5 p.m. yesterday.

The man sat down beside the woman and made a comment about her shoes. Then he allegedly masturbated in front of her.

Police discovered he was also carrying a four-inch blade.

The suspect is described as Asian, five-feet-five-inches, around 200 lbs., with short black hair. He was last seen wearing khaki pants and brown sweater.

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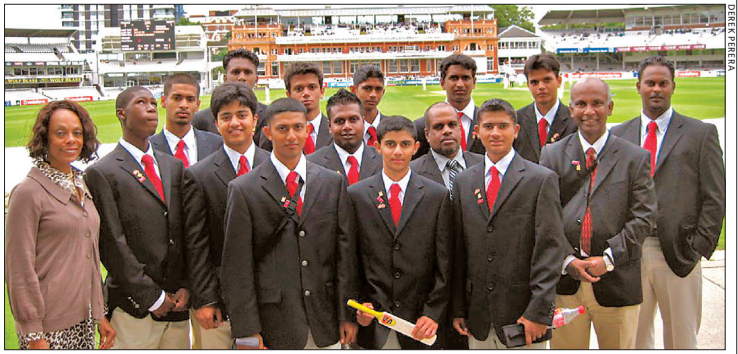

DEREK PERERA

The CIMA Toronto Mayor's team at Lord's Cricket Grounds in London, during their 2008 U.K. tour. Lord's in London is considered the home of cricket. The 2009 team will visit there this August.

A cricketer's dream

Local squad headed to train and compete in England

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DAVID SINGH
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Ahmed Bakhtiar is about to have one of his life's dreams come true.

An avid cricketer who has represented Canada in international competition, Bakhtiar is now getting the chance to visit the place he considers to be the home of the sport — England.

The Toronto college student is one of 14 youths from the GTA who will form the 2009 CIMA Toronto Mayor's team. The club will travel to the UK for 10 days this August on a fully paid scholarship to train, compete in exhibition matches and visit famous cricket sites, including Lord's Cricket Ground.

"I know a lot of people say it's a dream come true and it really is that," said Bakhtiar, 20. "When you dream about cricket, you have that thought of nice green lush grounds, a nice pitch and the sun shining — that's exactly what it's like over there."

The scholarship, which is now in its second year, is officially titled Cricket Across the Pond. Sponsored by various corporate and media partners, it's the result of a joint initiative between Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation and CIMA Canada. Over 100 youths from what are considered "priority/at risk neighbourhoods" tried out for this year's club.

Event co-ordinator Ranil Mendes said that each member of the team will receive leadership and community development training from Toronto city hall. The hope is that these players will come back from the U.K. and be positive role models in their communities.

Events on hold

- A breakfast reception for the team set for tomorrow and a cricket tournament set for Saturday have been put on hold because of a strike by city workers.

With the mayor's team playing matches in the U.K, there is also a chance to be scouted by local clubs. According to Mendes, a top player from the 2008 mayor's team is currently being considered for a stint on a semi-pro British club. Such are opportunities that the youth would not otherwise receive through Canadian cricket.

Bakhtiar is fully aware of these prospects.

"It's going to be obviously a life-changing experience," he said. "As far as my career is concerned ... I'll feel like I've found gold if I get a contract there."

Strike averted at Bombardier plant

AIRPLANE Bombardier Inc. and the Canadian Auto Workers union reached a tentative three-year agreement yesterday, avoiding a strike at the company's airplane plant in Toronto.

The CAW had warned that its members would walk out if a deal wasn't reached by 10 a.m. yesterday but the two sides kept talking after the deadline passed and they reached an agreement several hours later.

The union said Bombardier Aerospace had been unsuccessful in its attempt to increase the number of temporary workers at the plant. Union officials also said they had maintained health-care benefits for current and future retirees.

A union spokesman said the agreement contains wage increases but he declined to disclose details.

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Ontario farmers plant record area of soybean crops: Survey

Ontario farmers have planted a record area of soybean crops this year, based on a survey of about 5,000 farmers this spring. The area seeded to soybeans increased 14.3 per cent, from 2.1 million acres in 2008, to 2.4 million acres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Students find sensitive e-waste

A journalism professor at the University of British Columbia says sensitive international security data and personal information are showing up in computer dumps frequented by criminal gangs around the world. It was in Ghana that the e-waste was focused, where graduate students found discarded computers with intact hard drives, Peter Klein said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harkat raid ruled 'intrusive'

Border agents ordered to return terror suspect's seized items

A federal judge says Canadian border agents violated the constitutional rights of terror suspect Mohamed Harkat by carrying out "an excessively intrusive" search of his home.

Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ordered the Canada Border Services Agency to return everything it took in the May 12 raid. He also told the agency to destroy any copies it made of the seized information.

Sixteen border service and police officers spent six hours searching Harkat's house from top to bottom in a surprise raid they said was permitted under the terms of his bail.

They carted away legal papers, family photo albums, a personal computer, hundreds of diskettes, and daytimers belonging to Harkat's wife Sophie.

The government is trying to deport Harkat under a national security certificate. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service alleges Harkat is a collaborator with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Harkat denies any involvement with terrorism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mohamed Harkat looks on as his wife Sophie, right, checks her watch as they wait to appear in Federal Court for proceedings related to a federal attempt to deport him under a national security certificate in Ottawa earlier this month.

Lack of policy on hired guns alarms human-rights groups

SAFETY Canada has no overall policy or legislation to govern the use of hired guns in war zones, much to the alarm of human-rights groups and opposition parties who say the country has been left dangerously exposed.

The Canadian military employs four private security contractors in Afghanistan to guard bases and road construction projects. Foreign Affairs has also signed a host of hired guns to oversee embassies and diplomats around the world.

"There definitely needs to be a human-rights policy in place to govern military security companies," said Amnesty International Canada's Fiona Koza.

"Canada has a responsibility to ensure that humans rights are not being violated." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Canada has a responsibility to ensure human rights are not being violated."
Fiona Koza

News in brief

ALBERTA A Conservative Alberta backbench politician will not be formally sanctioned by the premier for posting blogs mocking women's rights. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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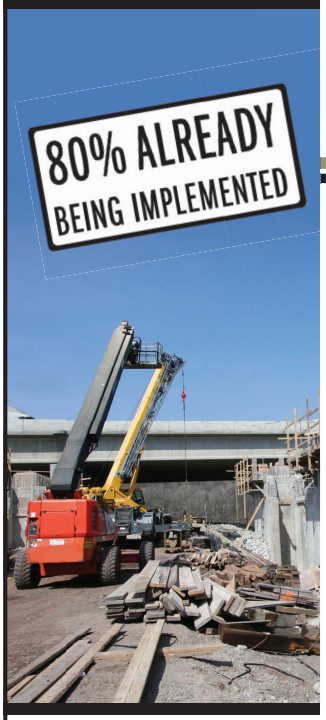

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Accused in Tori case makes court appearance

One of the two murder suspects in the Tori Stafford case made another court appearance yesterday in Woodstock, Ont. Terry-Lynn McClintic's case was put over until Aug. 12 after the Crown and defence sought more time to sift through the evidence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sisters stand up for rights

Iranian women raising their voices

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Social media's capture of 27-year-old Iranian woman Neda Agha Soltan's graphic shooting death Saturday has given Iranians around the world a symbol of hope in the face of a violent crackdown on election protests by the current regime.

It has catapulted the struggle of Iranian women and their patriotic voice to the foreground, something they've been setting the stage for over three decades.

"For the last 30 years (Iranian) women were not quiet and used every occasion to raise their voices. Specifically over the last four years, they managed to mobilize resources to ask for equal rights and eliminate discrimination," said Mehrak Mehrvar, research associate at the UBC Women's and Gender Studies Centre.

Mehrak said Iranian women participated in the 1979 Iranian revolution and have gradually made human rights progress — culminating with a 1 million signature campaign to support equal rights legislation.

"Iranian women are showing they too, have a voice."
Goli, protester

"What we're seeing today is the result of the good work they've done over the past 30 years," Mehrak said.

Neda's sacrifice personifies the struggle of Iranian women and their willingness to stand up for themselves and their country — a sentiment echoed by protestors at a 200-plus rally in Calgary yesterday.

MORE COVERAGE, PG 8

Jaywalking **Moose on the loose again**

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A young female moose uses a school crosswalk to get across Strawberry Marsh Road in St. John's, N.L., yesterday. The animal had wandered into the city earlier with it's male twin, disrupting traffic and attracting onlookers. The pair has already been captured and released once before in this same area. They were released outside of town last month.

Chinese foreign minister reaches out to Canada

DIPLOMACY China's foreign minister played friendship ambassador on a hastily arranged visit to Canada yesterday, calling on the two countries to find the "vision and the courage" to expand their bilateral relations and put recent tensions behind them. But it was Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff who announced a major trip to China in September after his meeting with Yang Jiechi. Harper has not visited China during three years in office.

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News in brief

KHADR Federal lawyers are appealing a court ruling that ordered the government to seek Omar Khadr's return from Guantanamo Bay. Judge James O'Reilly ruled in April that the Conservative government's refusal to demand repatriation of Khadr, 22, offends fundamental justice.

TRIAL A defence lawyer says it's important an army corporal facing manslaughter charges in the death of another soldier in Afghanistan "have his day in court" after lengthy pre-trial debates neared their conclusion yesterday. Cpl. Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., is also facing charges of criminal negligence causing death and negligently performing his military duty in the March 2007 death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney of Stellarton, N.S. who died after he was shot in the chest in his tent at the base in Kandahar.

SHOT A mentally challenged man said to be in his 50s has been shot by Ontario provincial police in the small town of Elmvale, Ont., north of Barrie. Doug Minty's neighbours say at least five shots were fired when he was wounded in the driveway of his home. Police have not confirmed reports Minty has died.

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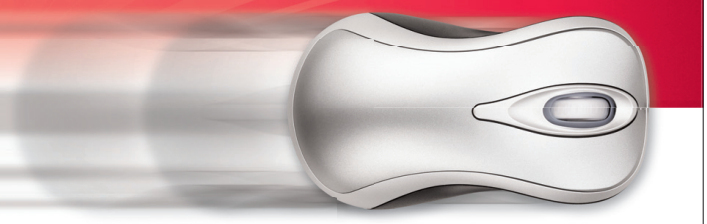

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Ethnic Albanians protest in Macedonia

About 300 ethnic Albanian nationalists held a peaceful protest yesterday in Macedonia's capital to demand a new constitution to boost their minority's standing. They want to create a federal state and grant self-government to ethnic Albanians — about a quarter of Macedonia's 2.1 million population. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Sri Lanka detains Tamil lawmaker

Sri Lanka has detained a Tamil lawmaker — one of few witnesses to the bloody end of the island's 25-year civil war last month — over alleged links to the now-defeated Tamil Tiger rebels. Anti-terrorism investigators took Sathasivam Kanagaratnam before a magistrate Monday to formalize the detention under the country's emergency law, said Suresh Premachandran, a colleague in the Tamil National Alliance. The law allows police to detain suspects for up to 18 months without charge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran expels British diplomats

Pro-Ahmadinejad demonstrators protest freely, Western journalist arrested

Iran expelled two British diplomats yesterday after bitterly accusing Britain of meddling and spying. The government also dealt a fresh blow to the opposition by making clear it will not hold a new vote despite charges of fraud.

State TV said hard-line students protested outside the British Embassy in Tehran, where they burned U.S., British and Israeli flags, pelted the building with tomatoes and chanted: "Down with Britain!" and "Down with USA!" Witnesses said about 100 people took part.

Iran's Foreign Ministry said it expelled the two Britons for "unconventional behaviour," state TV reported, and Britain announced it was sending two Iranian diplomats home in retaliation.

Tensions between Iran and Britain, which has urged the Islamic regime to respect human rights, have soared in recent days.

During Friday prayers at Tehran University, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei lashed out against Western countries he said were displaying their "enmity" against the Islamic state, "and the most evil of them is the British government." Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki also accused Britain of sending spies to manipulate the June 12 election.

There were no reports of violent clashes yesterday, possibly a measure of the effectiveness of the crackdown. However, protesters came up with new techniques, such as turning on the lights in their cars at certain hours of the day and honking their horns.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, meanwhile, won crucial backing from Russia yesterday, with the Foreign Ministry in Moscow saying it respects the declared election result. In a statement on its website, the ministry said that disputes about the vote is "exclusively an internal matter."

Iranian TV yesterday also confirmed the arrest of Iason Athanasiadis, a Greek national reporting for the Washington Times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this image released by the semi-official Fars News Agency, Iranian protesters burn representations of flags of the U.S., France, Britain, Italy and Israel during demonstrations outside the British Embassy in Tehran yesterday.

Obama toughens

• U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday declared the United States and the entire world are "appalled and outraged" by Iran's violent efforts to crush dissent, a clear toughening of his rhetoric as Republican critics at home pound him for being too passive. "I strongly condemn these unjust actions," Obama said in a news conference at the White House.

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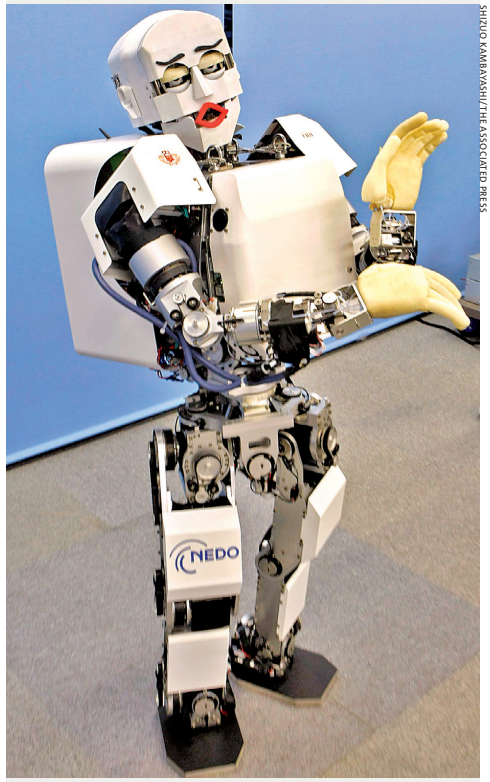

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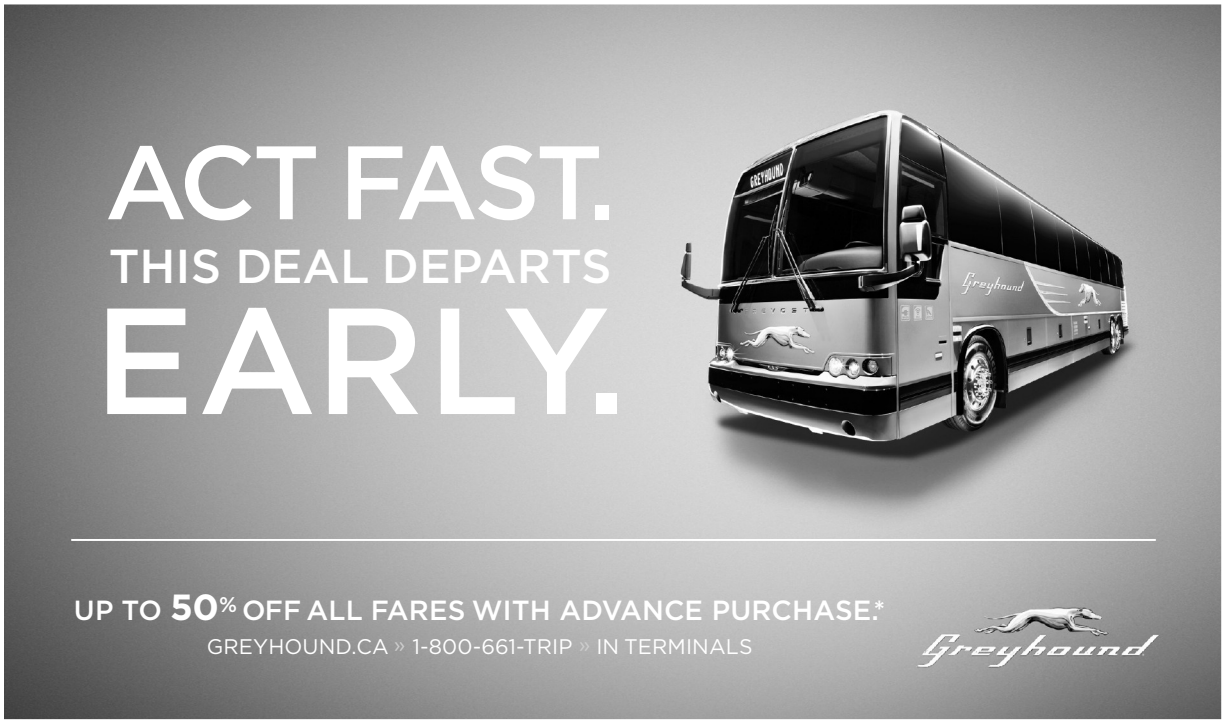
Humanoid robot KOBIAN displays an emotion of disgust during a demonstration at Waseda University in Tokyo yesterday. KOBIAN, which can express seven programmed emotions, has been developed by researchers at Waseda's Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering.

News in brief

PAKISTAN A Taliban faction leader who was seen as the chief rival to the militant group's Pakistani head was fatally shot yesterday, reportedly by one of his own guards. The attack on Qari Zainuddin appeared to be a sign of divisions within the Taliban as they come under assault.

MEXICO Tropical Storm Andres flooded homes along Mexico's Pacific coast, killing at least one boater as it headed toward a likely hurricane-force scrape with land yesterday. Mexico issued a hurricane warning for the coast from south of Manzanillo to near Puerto Vallarta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Google exec's trial postponed

INTERNET An Italian court yesterday postponed the trial against four Google executives accused of defamation and violating privacy for allowing a video to be posted online showing an autistic youth being abused. The California-based company considers the trial a threat to freedom on the Internet because it could force providers into an impossible task — prescreening the thousands of hours of footage uploaded every day onto websites like Google-owned YouTube. The investigation was sought by Vivi Down, an advocacy group for people with Down syndrome, which alerted prosecutors to a 2006 video showing an autistic student in Turin being beaten and insulted by bullies at school. Google Italia eventually took down the video. But prosecutors sought trial for the executives for failing to protect the youth's privacy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cop convicted of beating female bartender gets two years probation
An off-duty Chicago police officer convicted of pummeling a female bartender half his size has been sentenced to two years probation and anger management classes. Judge John Fleming also imposed a home curfew and ordered Anthony Abbate to perform 130 hours of community service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After California, this means war

Proposition 8 has sparked cultural battle of this generation

GRAHAM WOOD
Metro World News

It seemed like there was hardly a fight left to put up over gay marriage. Rapidly, one by one, U.S. states began to lower their guard against same-sex unions: Connecticut, Vermont, Iowa, Maine and, most recently, New Hampshire, all in the first part of this year.

But then there was California.

Supporters of gay marriage in California and around the country were nearly positive such a progressive state would never deny a minority what they considered such a basic civil right. Opponents were cowering in fear, expecting the same.

And then everyone was blindsided: Proposition 8, denying gays the right to marry in that state, was upheld.

"I think Prop 8 has energized not only the GLBT community, but I think it was a wake-up call for all Americans."
Jack McClelland

"My sense is that the supporters of marriage equality in California were a bit complacent and that they were quite surprised," said Lawrence Levine, a history professor at the University of the Pacific in Sacramento, Calif.

So what happens with those who are backed into a corner? They come out fighting. And what happens with those who come out on top? They defend their title to the end. And this, ladies and gentlemen, is the stage for the next great social war in American history: The battle over same-sex marriage.

Chicago natives Jack McClelland and his partner, Mike Termini, were hoping a victory for what McClelland termed "equal marriage" in California would serve as an example for their home state of Illinois to follow suit. But they are far from giving up.

"Sometimes it takes armed conflict ... sometimes it takes a Constitutional amendment ... sometimes a Supreme Court decision ... but we (Americans) do progress," McClelland said.

"I think Prop 8 has energized not only the GLBT community, but I think it was a wake-up call for all Americans."

Jean Somers, on the other hand, is watching with a smile on her face.

"(California) proves that hope is not lost for those who stand up for the family," said Somers, who opposes gay marriage. "It looked like we didn't have a chance anymore. But now our hope is restored."

Already the Courage Campaign, an online advocacy group lobbying for legal gay marriage in California, is sending out letters to supporters telling them to get "ready to go!" for a 2010 battle at the polls.

"The debate over marriage equality is a major social battle, not unlike abortion, in that there is limited room for compromise," Levine said. "The debate over same-sex marriage will continue for the foreseeable future with some victories and some setbacks."

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Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance, Canada's senior commander in Afghanistan, and Ken Lewis, Ottawa's representative in Kandahar, talk to village elders at the Dand district centre yesterday.

Canada debuts 'model village' in Afghanistan

PROJECTS A public community meeting in a "model village" south of Kandahar city yesterday marked the debut of a key part of Canada's strategy to move away from a hard-edged combat role in Afghanistan toward one of co-operative aid and reconstruction.

The aim is to empower small communities to flourish in a secure environment in preparation for the end of Canada's military mission in 2011.

For more than a month, Canadian soldiers have quietly overseen the reconstruction of a district centre in the village, hired more than 100 Afghans to work on an irrigation canal and put up a few solar-powered street lights at a new square just outside the centre.

The idea is to eventually create an insurgent-free zone on the approaches to Kandahar city itself through these construction projects.

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News in brief

DERAILMENT Crews dismantled the wreckage yesterday from a subway train collision that killed nine people and injured scores of others in Washington, D.C., and a federal investigator revealed an old train involved in the crash should have been replaced because of safety concerns.

DEMOGRAPHICS The world's 65-and-older population will triple by mid-century to make up 1 in 6 people, according to U.S. Census estimates released yesterday. The fastest-growing age group, seniors now comprise just under eight per cent of the world's 6.8 billion people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fraser Papers shares suspended

The TMX Group, operator of the Toronto Stock Exchange, said yesterday that shares in Fraser Papers Inc. would be suspended from trading on the TSX Composite Index immediately and delisted as of July 22. Fraser Papers filed for bankruptcy protection in Canada and the U.S. last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Market claws back

Energy stocks send TSX higher after slide

The Toronto stock market closed higher yesterday, clawing back a tiny part of the previous day's 4.4 per cent plunge, in large part because of energy stocks rising alongside oil prices.

The main S&P/TSX composite index closed up 62.54 points to 9,896.72 following a 454-point sell-off sparked by a World Bank report that warned the world economy will shrink 2.9 per cent in 2009 compared with a previous forecast for a 1.7 per cent decline.

41 The spring rally that started in mid-March boosted the TSX by as much as 41 per cent.

Since hitting a recent high on June 11, the TSX has lost about 7.5 per cent.

Yesterday, the TSX energy sector clawed back a chunk of Monday's slide of over six per cent, rising 1.5 per cent as the August crude contract in New York moved up $1.74 to $69.24 US after dropping $2.62 on Monday.

U.S. markets were weak with the Dow Jones industrial average down 16.1 points to 8,322.91 after slumping 2.4 per cent. The index was weighed down by Boeing which said it was again delaying the first test flight of its long-awaited 787 jetliner.

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MySpace downsizing global employees, closing offices

INTERNET Social-networking site MySpace said yesterday that it will cut 300 international positions and close at least four offices outside the U.S. as it looks to cut costs and narrow its territory coverage.

The move comes a week after the California-based company said it would cut nearly 30 per cent of its U.S. workforce in a bid to become more efficient.

MySpace has been trying to bring its staffing level more in line with its more popular rival, Facebook.

MySpace plans to trim its international work force to about 150 from the current 450 employees.

The restructuring will leave London, Berlin and Sydney as its primary international hubs. Offices in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Sweden and Spain will all be looked at for potential reductions.

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Wal-Mart Remodelling stores

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Wal-Mart's remodeling program of its 3,600 namesake stores, such as this newly renovated Wal-Mart store in Rogers, Ark., will lower shelves and widen aisles to give shoppers a clearer path. The renovations, which will cost from $1.6 to $1.7 billion US this fiscal year, also will expand its electronics areas.

Business in brief

FORESTRY Losses at sawmills around the world deepened in the first quarter of this year, with the most red ink coming from Eastern Canada, a new study shows. The average global losses were $14 US per cubic metre in the first quarter, which is down from an average loss of $12 per cubic metre for 2008, says the report jointly prepared by International Wood Markets Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers and The Beck Group.

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Boeing delays 787 test flight again

AIRCRAFT Boeing Co. said it has again delayed the first test flight of its long-awaited 787 jetliner, citing a need to reinforce part of the aircraft.

The inaugural test flight of the 787, a next-generation aircraft built for fuel efficiency with lightweight carbon composite parts, was originally planned for late 2007. But Boeing has postponed it repeatedly because of production problems and a strike that closed its commercial aircraft operations for eight weeks last fall.

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Fortis buys Great Lakes Power

UTILITIES Fortis Inc., a Newfoundland-based company that operates power utilities across Canada and internationally, has agreed to pay $68 million to buy Great Lakes Power Distribution which has 12,000 customers in Algoma in northern Ontario.

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Freedom lacking in our Information Act

TheWestView

What is the point of the Freedom of Information Act?

Especially when it is used to cover up information?

The Defence Department in Ottawa recently refused to reveal the annual cost of the war in Afghanistan, citing section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act, which advises against disclosing any information which could… "…reasonably be expected to be injurious to the conduct of international affairs, the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada or the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities."

I'm not sure how any of that applies to the annual cost of the war in Afghanistan, especially because last year the military complied with an identical request and coughed up the figure of $1 billion — the first time the annual tally had reached that lofty height.

I can just see the Taliban braintrust holed up in a cave, trying to exploit the Canadian war budget.

"Hmm, maybe we should send this message out to all our brave warriors: The Canadian government is spending $1 billion a year to defeat you, but they are fools because Allah assures us of great victory, not to mention 72 virgins in paradise."

Or something along those lines.

Seriously, the only thing Section 15 is protecting is Stephen Harper's ample booty, which is pointless because it is already exposed on a number of fronts.

When a government elected on a promise of transparency trades in secrecy, you know it has exhausted its vitality — its moral mandate.

It has sealed its fate by choosing to hide behind a provision that was obviously designed to increase our security, not undermine it.

Make no mistake, the military's failure to disclose the ongoing cost of the conflict undermines our security by increasing the public's lack of trust in Ottawa's capacity for accountability.

In the immortal words of Pogo, that cartoon character from the mid-20th century, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

At least the Taliban don't pretend to have our best interests at heart.

If the Freedom of Information Act does not ensure government accountability when it engages in war on our behalf, it becomes a hollow, mocking shell of itself.

Freedom of information is the bedrock of democracy.

I don't know about you, but it sends shivers up my spine to learn that we will spend somewhere between $18 and $28 billion (the figure depends on who is doing the figuring) in Afghanistan by 2011 to preserve a tattered remnant of freedom in that sorry state, while busily suppressing it back here on the home front.

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Word on the street: Is the Harper government on the right track to get us out of the recession?

Brian Cahill
age 65, Toronto
A: No. Harper's natural sense as a neo-conservative is to do things like cut taxes, not spend.

Christiane Yerex
age 18, Toronto
A: No … I've listened to a lot of things he's said, and I disagree with his opinions.

Anthony Leitch
age 20, Toronto
A: No. He's in it for the money.

Jon Heinrichs
age 29, Calgary
A: I think they are doing enough by not doing too much. I don't think we want to make over corrections.

Bernard Guest
age 37, Calgary
A: It's hard to say if they are on track or not…We don't know that until we've tried.

Colleen MacLennan
age 51, Halifax
A: I believe so. I think he's a very responsible, very conservative person and I have faith in his ability.

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Obama to throw first pitch at all-star game

U.S. President Barack Obama plans to throw out his first pitch as president when he visits St. Louis next month. Obama will offer the ceremonial first pitch at the all-star Game on July 14. Earlier this year he skipped traditional opening-day invites. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Babcock for Canada

Mike Babcock, left, will coach the Canadian men's hockey team at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, according to numerous media reports. Columbus Blue Jackets coach Ken Hitchcock is expected to be on Babcock's staff. Babcock, 46, has a career coaching record of 282-139-71 in the NHL with 58 post-season victories. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Jays hold on for win

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BASEBALL Nothing comes easy for the Toronto Blue Jays in interleague play, and they proved that again yesterday in their first home win versus the National League this season.

Set up for a comfortable night thanks to six shutout innings from Brian Tallet along with home runs by Scott Rolen, Rod Barajas and Marco Scutaro, some spotty work by the bullpen turned the final three frames into an adventure in an eventual 7-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Blue Jays (39-33), back home after a 4-2 road trip, opened up a 6-0 lead but watched Shawn Camp promptly load the bases to start the seventh and Jesse Carlson only manage to get out of the inning after four runs had scored.

That made things closer than the crowd of 30,351 would have liked, but Brandon League, who gave up a run in the eighth, and Jason Frasor, pitching the ninth for his second save, nailed things down.

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Healing the Doc

- Toronto Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay threw in the bullpen yesterday afternoon at the Rogers Centre and is on schedule to return to the rotation next Monday against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Halladay is on the disabled list with a slight groin strain which he picked up on his second pitch of the fourth inning on June 12 against the Florida Marlins.

Stellar class of inductees

Yzerman, Hull, Leetch, Robitaille and Lamoriello headed to Hall

The Hockey Hall of Fame will welcome an all-star lineup this year.

Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull, Luc Robitaille and Brian Leetch comprise a stellar class of 2009 that also includes longtime New Jersey Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello in the builder category.

"The Hockey Hall of Fame is proud to welcome these five hockey legends as honoured members," selection committee member Jim Gregory said in a release yesterday. "Their contributions to the game of hockey are well documented and their election to the Hockey Hall of Fame is richly deserved."

Players must be retired for three years to enter the Hall of Fame unless they receive a special exemption. The official induction ceremony will be held Nov. 9 in Toronto.

Yzerman is the sixth-leading scorer in NHL history with 1,755 points in 1,514 games. The longtime Detroit Red Wings captain led the team to three Stanley Cups and was a member of Canada's gold medal winning Olympic team in 2002.

Yzerman also won the Pearson Trophy as the league's best player as voted by his fellow players in 1989 and captured the Selke Trophy as the NHL's top defensive forward in 2000.

The Ottawa native is currently Team Canada's executive director for the 2010 Olympics.

"It is a tremendous honour to receive this news," said Yzerman. "I want to thank the selection committee for recognizing my contributions — I truly had chills down my spine when I got the news."

Hull scored 86 goals and was named the league's most valuable player in 1991. He ended his career with 741 goals and 1,391 points in 1,269 games. He and 1960s great Bobby Hull are the only father-son combination with 1,000 career NHL points.

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Former Detroit Red Wings teammates Steve Yzerman, left, and Brett Hull were named as part of the 2009 class of inductees to the Hockey Hall of Fame yesterday. They'll be inducted on Nov. 9 along with Luc Robitaille, Brian Leetch and Lou Lamoriello, who will be inducted as a builder.

Burke still looking to move up at NHL draft

NHL Brian Burke is heading to the NHL draft open to just about anything.

The Toronto Maple Leafs president and general manager still wants to move up from No. 7 in this weekend's draft at Montreal to have a shot at a top prospect — London Knights centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman are regarded as the top players available.

With the Leafs being between US$10 million and US$13 million under the salary cap, Burke would also listen to teams looking to shed high-priced talent as well as those offering additional draft picks for Burke to move down in the draft.

Burke, 53, served as the honourary drawmaster yesterday for the US$1.5-million Pepsi North America Cup harness race at Mohawk Racetrack.

Afterwards, Burke said he's been actively talking turkey with a number of teams about potential deals and while he's got nothing brewing just yet, he expects things to heat up in Montreal.

"I know we've got nothing going right now and that doesn't discourage me because these frequently do happen very late," he said. "Teams haven't said they won't move (their) pick, most of them just said they don't like my pricetag so far.

"We'll see, we'll keep banging away at it. It's still early yet."

Toronto finished 12th in the Eastern Conference standings with a 34-35-13 record, 12 points behind Montreal, which secured the eighth and final playoff spot. The Leafs have missed the NHL postseason the past four years, something that doesn't sit well with Burke.

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Sports in brief

MAN-RAM Manny Ramirez suited up for the Albuquerque Isotopes last night as he began his minor-league rehab stint after serving a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug rules. The slugger, expected to rejoin the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 3, struck out in his first at bat.

BANKRUPT Irish broadcaster Setanta Sports filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, saying it will shortly cease broadcasting to customers in Britain after failing to make a number of payments to football organizations. ESPN announced Monday it would broadcast Premier League soccer in Britain.

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Patience a virtue at NHL draft table

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Ever wonder why the New Jersey Devils have missed the playoffs just once since 1990, winning three Stanley Cups in the process? It's not just the system they play; it's also the hockey smarts of the organization's brain trust.

Despite the fact the Devils haven't had a top-15 draft selection since 1996 (where, ironically, they whiffed on Lance Ward with the No. 10 pick), the team has graduated several awesome talents lately, led by dynamic linemates Zach Parise and Travis Zajac.

New Jersey famously traded up from No. 22 to No. 17 in 2003 to nab Parise, leaving the Isles and Rangers to explain to their fan bases why they took Robert Nilsson and Hugh Jessiman, respectively, before the recently minted 94-point man.

Zajac, coming out of Jr. A Salmon Arm in B.C., was subjected to scrutiny because of his peers – scouts wished they could have seen him play against major junior competition.

Similarly, David Perron was knocked for his lack of size when he was coming out of Lewiston of the Quebec League in 2007. Of course, that didn't bother the St. Louis Blues, who took Perron 26th overall, then watched the speedy youngster make the team in his draft year.

In hindsight, there will always be examples of draft day flubs and steals that we will look back on with incredulity. But in every draft class, whether it be a juicy crop such as last year's, or the horrific talent drought of 1999, patience is the key to a successful team.

Though NHL teams are nearly unanimous in their claims of following the "best player available" philosophy, that assessment is very much in the eye of the beholder. Just look at the Parise situation: Depending on your preferences, the hot young Devil would only rank behind all or most of a group consisting of Marc-Andre Fleury, Eric Staal, Ryan Getzlaf, Shea Weber, Mike Richards, Corey Perry and Dion Phaneuf from his draft class. That puts Parise as the No. 8 selection — assuming you don't prefer Jeff Carter — instead of 17th overall.

Which is why the draft is always so exciting — did a GM just mess up big-time, or does he know something the rest of us don't?

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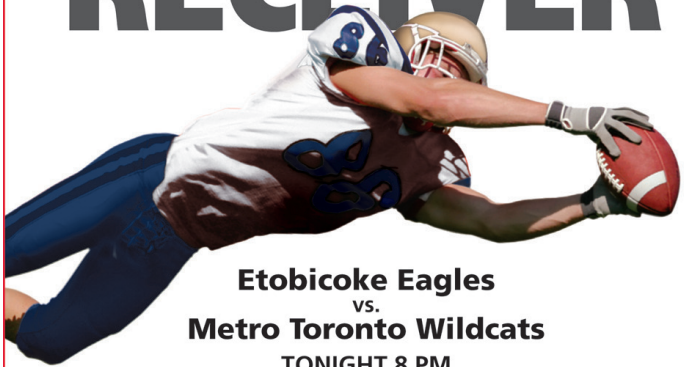

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Sutter names Sutter as new Flames coach

Calgary Flames general manger Darryl Sutter has named his brother Brent the new head coach of the NHL club. The addition of Brent pushes the total number of Sutters in the Flames fold to five. Brother Duane is director of player personnel, brother Ron is a scout and Darryl's son Brett played for the Flames farm team last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Votto back in Reds lineup

Toronto native returns from DL

Joey Votto believes he's ready to play baseball again after getting a handle on the anxiety attacks and depression he was experiencing following the death of his father last summer.

The Cincinnati Reds first baseman made the revelation yesterday, hours after he was reinstated from the 15-day disabled list prior to an interleague game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

The Toronto native had been on the DL since May 30 with stress-related issues and the Reds honoured his wish to not release any information on his condition.

In an emotional meeting with media, Votto explained that he never really dealt with the difficulties of losing his father Joseph last August.

He essentially suppressed his grief to get through the 2008 season and was "pretty severely depressed" over the winter until spring training began.

At that point he managed to bottle up his emotions again to get ready for the new season, but when an inner-ear infection caused him some problems, it helped set off the problems that led to his DL stint.

> **"They really hit me and they hit me 100 times more than what I'd been dealing with."**
> Joey Votto

"They really hit me and they hit me 100 times more than what I'd been dealing with all off-season," said Votto.

He feels speaking to people has been therapeutic for him and with the help of doctors and some therapy, he feels he's regained some control.

Votto was hitting .357 with eight home runs and 33 RBIs when he went on the DL and decided he was ready to play again after a three rehab games in the minors with single-A Sarasota and Dayton.

In two games with the Dragons, Votto had three hits, a home run and three RBI.

The Reds placed utility player Wilkin Castillo on the disabled list retroactive to Sunday to make room for Votto on the roster. Castillo suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in Saturday's game against the White Sox. He tore the labrum in his right shoulder on a head-first slide in the seventh inning.

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TFC hope to avoid letdown as Red Bulls come to town

SOCCER Fresh from winning their first trophy, Toronto FC faces the New York Red Bulls, the league's worst team.

But Dwayne De Rosario said the players aren't about to take tonight's visitors lightly, especially when a win would put TFC alone in second place in the tight Eastern Conference standings.

"We have to realize that in the league we haven't done anything," De Rosario said of a possible letdown after thumping Montreal 6-1 last week to win the Canadian championship. "Every game we have to prove ourselves."

De Rosario, who scored TFC's first hat-trick in the win over Montreal, warned the Red Bulls are dangerous because they're coming in "hungry and desperate for points" to stay alive in the playoff race.

New York, which made it all the way to the MLS Cup final before losing to Columbus last season, has lost seven straight and sits six points behind sixth place New England in the conference standings.

Defender Marco Velez said being a game within the conference it's vital for TFC to get the three points, which would widen the gap to 12 points over New York.

"We enjoyed the championship, but now we've got to get out heads right and get an important win that we need," Velez said.

Coach Chris Cummins said TFC had two goals for the season — winning the Canadian championship and making the Major League Soccer playoffs for the first time.

To that end, getting three points in the standings against the Red Bulls is key, especially as TFC reaches the midpoint of a season in which 10 of the final 15 games are on the road.

The road has been particularly tough on TFC. They have just one win this season and an all-time 5-23-7 mark away from BMO Field.

"We won't be taking anything for granted," Cummins said of his team, which has won two straight.

"We need to be a lot more consistent," he said. "It's important we go into the game and use the result (in Montreal) as a springboard and we don't rest on that and think we've cracked it and can just turn up."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gerba signs

- TFC announced yesterday the signing of Canadian international Ali Gerba. The 26-year-old Montrealer was most recently with third-tier English team Milton Keynes Dons FC, where he had 10 goals in 24 games. Due to transfer rules, Gerb won't be available to play until July 15.

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Tampa Bay	37	35	.514	6.5
Baltimore	32	37	.464	10

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	31	.557	-
Minnesota	35	36	.493	4.5
Chicago	33	36	.478	5.5
Kansas City	29	39	.426	9
Cleveland	29	42	.408	10.5

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	37	31	.544	-
Los Angeles	36	32	.529	1
Seattle	35	34	.507	2.5
Oakland	31	38	.449	6.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	31	.544	-
New York	35	33	.515	2
Florida	35	36	.493	3.5
Atlanta	34	36	.486	4
Washington	20	47	.299	16.5

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	39	32	.549	-
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	1
Chicago	34	33	.507	3
Cincinnati	34	35	.493	4
Houston	32	35	.478	5
Pittsburgh	31	38	.449	7

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	46	24	.657	-
San Francisco	37	32	.536	8.5
Colorado	37	33	.529	9
San Diego	30	38	.441	15
Arizona	29	41	.414	17

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Wimbledon Hometown hero

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Andy Murray of Great Britain serves during his first-round 7-5, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 win over American Robert Kendrick yesterday on Day 2 of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London, England.

Sports in brief

CONFED CUP FIFA is giving away some free tickets for the Confederations Cup semifinal match between Spain and the United States. The governing body of world soccer said yesterday there were about 6,000 tickets still on sale for today's match at the 38,000-seat Free State Stadium in Bloemfontein.

FOOTBALL Dallas Cowboys linemen Leonard Davis, Marc Colombo and Cory Procter have signed a recording contract as part of a heavy metal band called Free Reign. Their debut album for Australia's Riot Entertainment will be released this fall.

BASEBALL The Cleveland Indians activated all-star centre-fielder Grady Sizemore from the disabled list yesterday. Sizemore had been out since May 31 with an inflamed left elbow.

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Metro Workology exclusive: Head to Toe
In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on the health industry and all jobs and careers therein. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work for the special Head to Toe series.

Workology

McMaster turns down land

McMaster University, in Hamilton, Ont., has declined a $2 million gift of downtown Hamilton land on which to build its family health centre. University officials told the Toronto-based developer who offered McMaster nearly 40,000 square feet of open land that they were more interested in considering other properties where there is potential to expand. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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No recipe for plastic surgery

Kanata, Ont.,-based Dr. James Lacey got into plastic surgery because of the practices' creative potential, he says.

Head to **Toe**

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When thinking of a metaphor for the operating room, "kitchen" isn't likely the first thing that comes to mind.

But surgery is often just like a recipe, according to Dr. James Lacey. "If you think of orthopedics — having your hip or knee done — literally, the surgeon will tell you, 'This is what I do. This is what can happen.' and 10 minutes later, the patient's out of there, because they have a recipe," says the Kanata, Ont.,-based plastic surgeon, 39. "In plastic surgery, there's no recipe."

Lacey has practised for 10 years, now operating out of Kanata Plastic & Cosmetic Surgery, where he performs a variety of procedures for injured hands and cosmetic surgeries like facelifts, breast augmentations and liposuction.

Initially intrigued by anatomy and microsurgery, Lacey segued into plastics when he was galvanized by surgery's creative potential.

"The microsurgery, which is the small anatomy where you can attach small blood vessels, is what attracted me," he says, "I enjoyed the finesse, artistry and creativity."

He also enjoys the empathetic approach he says doctors in his line of work must have. Lacey's bottom line is making sure his patients are happy, he says. "It's not just like having your hip done where you can tell them to go to their family doctor to have the staples taken out. We are there throughout the healing phase."

That individualized care matches the specialized process Lacey says separates plastic surgery from other kinds. "We have techniques, but the breast that walks in looks different from the next breast that walks in. It's not like just making a knee ligament or replacing a joint."

It's also not the kind of thing just any physician can perform. Lacey says the horror stories are seldom coming out of offices like his. A point, he says, that is often overlooked is "it's the general practitioners, ear, nose and throat doctors and dermatologists who are doing liposuction and breast augs who never did it in residency and they took a weekend course."

Such educational brevity is far less than the required schooling to become a plastic surgeon in Canada. Karyn Wagner, executive director of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons says, "In order to become a plastic surgeon, a physician must be certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in plastic surgery." Wagner says that certification can only come after doctors who have already finished medical school complete a five-year plastic surgery residency, plus written and oral exams.

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Canadian employers have historically taken an ignorant view of human rights tribunals and their often remarkable decisions. But that may be about to change. Because of sweeping changes to human rights legislation and left-leaning adjudicators directed to interpret remedial legislation, such as employment standards and human rights laws, in a broad and inclusive manner, employers should not be so unconcerned. Here is one case that illustrates this.

Michele Schmor's legal odyssey began with a seasonal job working in retail for Stonechurch Vineyards, a Niagara-on-the-Lake winery. Soon after returning from a vacation, she was asked by a co-worker, Lisa Edlington, if she had sunbathed topless. When Schmor said that she did, but only in private places, According to Schmor, shortly after, Edlington suggested that she climb the pole in front of the store and "slide down it like a stripper."

Although Schmor said this made her uncomfortable and embarrassed, she did not express her concerns to Edlington or mention the matter to anyone in management. Instead, she complained to several other employees, one of whom promptly reported the incidents to the company.

Shortly after learning that Schmor was uncomfortable with Edlington's remarks, Stonechurch stopped scheduling her shifts. Without work for several weeks, Schmor emailed the company stating she would like to continue working but was tersely told by a company representative that she would not be called back for the summer and that she wouldn't be given a reason why.

Schmor complained to the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal that she had been sexually harassed and then fired in reprisal. In considering her case, adjudicator Lorne Slotnick found that Edlington's comments did not amount to sexual harassment, as they lacked an element of harassment. However, not having offered a reasonable explanation for Schmor's termination, Stonechurch was ruled to have fired her in reprisal for having complained. Once management knew Schnor was offended by the comments, her days were numbered, Slotnick wrote in his recent decision.

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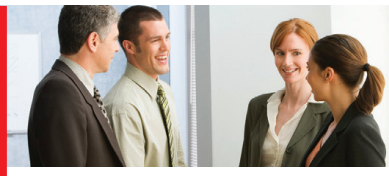

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Tacoma: Friend magnet

Toyota's handsome pickup gets the work done

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In his groundbreaking bestseller How to Win Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie omitted one key piece of advice: Buy a pickup truck.

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My tester for the week — the 2009 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 Double Cab — came in metallic grey with TRD (Toyota Racing Development) badging on the sides.

I have always found the Tacoma to be a handsome truck. Unlike many 'compact' pickups, it does have a presence, and with its big P265/65R mud & snow tires on 17-inch alloys, not to mention the optional hood scoop, the Tacoma looked every bit the serious off-roader. Not that I was headed for the bush anytime soon.

And at nearly 19 feet long and only about eight inches shorter than a full-size Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Crew Cab, I'm not sure if "compact" fairly describes the Tacoma.

Big and surefooted, the Tacoma 4x4 V6 Double Cab is equally at home taking passengers around town, on the job site and off-road.

2009 Toyota Tacoma Double Cab

Type: Mid-size, four-door pickup truck
Price: (base) $30,870, (as tested with TRD package) $35,980
Engine: 4.0-litre DOHC 24-valve, V6 (236 hp, 266 lb/ft torque)
Fuel economy: 13.4 L/100 km city; 10.1 L/100 km highway

Highlights
- Sedan-like comforts and amenities
- Off-roading capabilities

I won't say the Tacoma is as spacious in back as a full-size sedan, but there's reasonable room for two adults, three in a pinch.

The Tacoma is available in eight models, starting with the 4x2, four cylinder Access Cab to the 4x4 V6-powered Double Cab. There's even a 4x2 "tuner"styled truck called the X-Runner, that sits low to the ground and is powered by the same V6 with a six-speed manual.

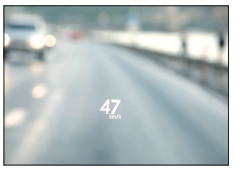
Up front, the Double Cab is outfitted with sedan-like comforts and amenities. The optional sport seats are comfortable and well-bolstered, and provide a driver's seat lumbar adjustment. The optional leather-wrapped steering wheel includes audio controls for the in-dash six-disc CD changer, part of the TRD Sport Package.

Easy-to-use controls and metallic accents are among the many features that give the Tacoma a very car-like interior.

With the automatic, the SR5 Power Package bumps the Tacoma to $33,300 and adds 16-inch alloys with wheels locks, sliding rear window, cruise control, chrome grille and rear bumper, dual vanity mirrors, auto-dimming rear view mirror with integrated backup camera, keyless entry and more.

I didn't get a chance this time to take the Tacoma off-road, but our streets and highways offered no shortage of potholes and heaved pavement to test the suspension.

The Tacoma 4x4's surefootedness is reinforced by standard vehicle stability control, active traction control and automatic disconnecting differential.



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Lexus adds HUD to windshield

TECHNOLOGY Lexus has targeted an advanced, yet user-friendly, design for the cockpit of the new RX 450h with a focus on making key vehicle data and controls easy to access with minimum driver distraction.

A key element in Lexus' innovative approach is the new Head-Up Display (HUD), which projects essential information on to the base of the windscreen, within the driver's field of vision.

Using technology that was originally developed for use in fighter jets, HUD presents vehicle speed, turn-by-turn arrow navigation instructions, audio information and warnings from the Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and Pre-Crash Safety (PCS) systems.

The system, provided as standard on SE-L Premium versions of the RX 450h, is easy to use and can be switched on and off. The display position and lighting intensity can be adjusted in line with ambient lighting conditions, using control switches alongside the steering wheel.

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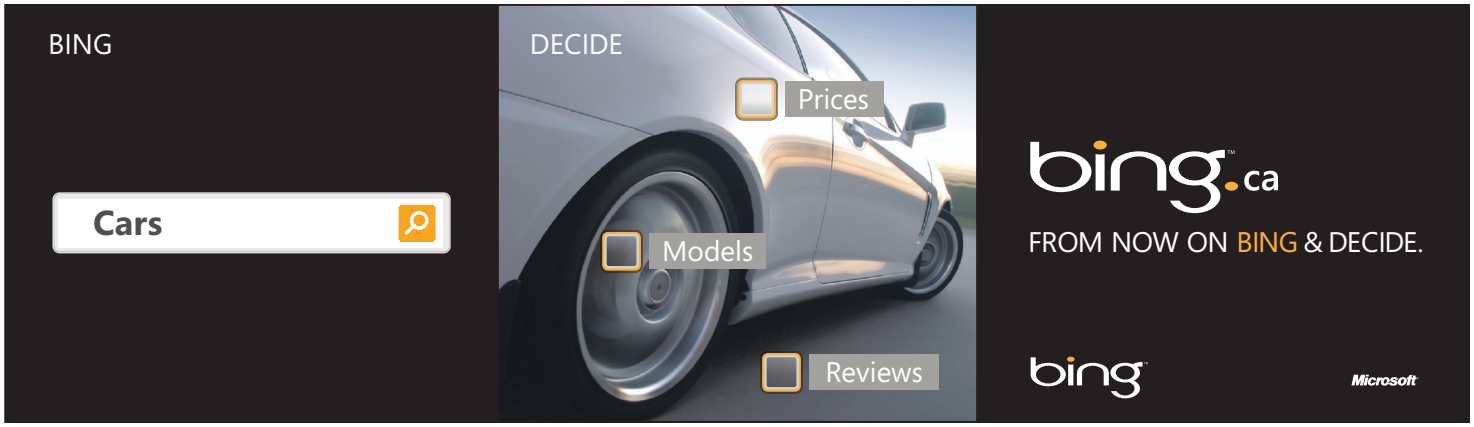

Auction for a cause

Ontario-based RM Auctions will present two factory-original 2005 Ford GT models at events this summer, Canadian Driver reports. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation through the Ford Motor Company's Global Walk Team. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Wheels were made for rockin'

AutoPilot

Our family has its share of arguments in the car. No more or less than the average, I guess, if the average is around three per city block.

We parents figure this is good thing. You can't learn sarcasm too early.

We often fight about what music to play on the stereo. I'm OK with this, because it only demonstrates that people are passionate about music, and how essential music is to the automotive experience.

Volvo once trotted out some research, that noted that many people have their most intense "musical experiences" in a vehicle. Researches cited the enclosed confines of the car, which tends to focus the experience, and that these days the times behind the wheel are simply the most convenient for music listening. Combine that with the killer sound systems in today's cars, and you can see why a vehicle has replaced the rec-room as the prime music grooving venue.

But my theory is that car travel, especially if you're a passenger, doesn't require your dominating and logical side of the brain, the one you use when you fill out your income tax online.

This lets your creative brain off the leash, the one that tends to meander down various garden paths, and creates those weird but fascinating dreams — like that one where you are suddenly on the subway with a pet monkey and neither of you were wearing pants.

I think this part of your brain listens and responds to music differently ... probably more profoundly. It's why watching the landscape roll by with Neil Young pounding away through the rear speakers is such a contemplative and satisfying experience, and one that's hard to replicate any other way.

Then again maybe all your road tunes just have really good back beats.

Volvo once trotted out some research that noted that many people have their most intense "musical experiences" in a vehicle, columnist Michael Goetz writes.

Of course, the genre of music that is most tied up with the automobile is rock 'n' roll. Teenage car culture took off in pre-war America almost simultaneously with the birth and rise of the so-called "devil's music." They couldn't help but influence each other, because they essentially went to the same high school and hung out in the same parking lots.

And the first rock 'n' roll recording is generally considered to be 1951's Rocket 88. Introduced in 1949, the Oldsmobile Rocket combined the small, lighter body of the Olds 76, with a new powerful V8, becoming a precursor to the muscle car, and a perennial NASCAR champion.

Ike Turner and his band came up with the tune, and the legendary producer, Sam Philipps, recorded them doing the number at his legendary Sun Studio in Memphis. The recording is also one of the first to feature a distorted guitar sound, now a crucial element of rock and roll tone. Legend has it, that the sound came about because the guitar player's amplifier was compromised on the car ride from Mississippi. The amp either fell off the roof, or suffered rain damage in the trunk. Either way, Philipps liked how it sounded.

Probably for the same reasons people liked the sound of that Rocket V8 — compelling, and a little rough around the edges.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Cadillac unveils wagon

Cadillac's first-ever North American wagon is a progressive take on the classic wagon body style that delivers significant functionality and fuel efficiency, including up to an estimated 11.9 km/litre highway.

The CTS Sport Wagon is essentially the same size as the acclaimed CTS sport sedan on the outside. However, the new Sport Wagon nearly doubles carrying capacity, with 25 cubic feet (720 litres) of space behind the rear seats; and 53.4 cubic feet (1,523 litres) with the rear seat folded.

Available features include those of the well-appointed CTS Sport Sedan, including all-wheel drive, a 40-gigabyte internal hard drive, pop-up navigation screen and a hand-cut-and-sewn cabin.

One of the more interesting integrations of form and function is the seamless roof load management system. Rather than stylized stanchions, brackets and cross bars that protrude above the roofline, the CTS Sport Wagon's system blends with the roofline, maintaining an uninterrupted appearance.

The centre section of the roof panel angles downward inside the roof edges, allowing an unobtrusive placement of the cross bars — and creating a subtle fin effect at the trailing edges of the rear panels.

The 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon will offer a choice of V6 engines and optional all-wheel-drive.

The interior of the Sport Wagon is common with the sedan, including streamlined instrumentation, LED lighting and hand-cut-and-sewn accents with French stitching.

Direct injection (DI) technology is integral to the CTS Sport Wagon. It maintains fuel economy and lowers emissions, while improving power. DI delivers fuel more precisely to increase the efficiency of combustion. This means less fuel is consumed and lower emissions created; it also reduces cold-start emissions by up to 25 per cent.

A 3.0-litre DI V6 is the standard engine and it's rated at 270 hp. Along with direct injection technology, the 3.0-litre engine employs variable valve timing to optimize power and fuel efficiency and reduce emissions. Estimated highway fuel economy on 3.0-litre equipped models is 11.9 km/litre.

The CTS Sport Wagon also offers an optional 3.6-litre DI V6 engine that produces 304 hp.

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James sets new record for H-car

Motorcycle madman Jesse James has broken the land speed record for a hydrogen-powered vehicle, wired.com reports. James blazed across El Mirage Dry Lake Bed in California at 199.7 mph in a car he claims he spent "a couple million bucks" building. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Johnson's fishing machine

Actor C. David Johnson with his 2005 Honda Element.

MyDrive
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C. David Johnson is most widely recognized for his role as Chuck Tchobanian on CBC's long-running drama Street Legal. But his greatest body of work has been in Canadian theatre, where he has graced stages across the country for the past 30 years, including Soulpepper in Toronto, the Stratford Festival and the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. And, wherever a job takes him, the 55-year-old actor generally sits behind the wheel of his black 2005 Honda Element to get there.

"When I'm acting in theatres in various places around the country, I prefer, if I can, to drive there. I like the road trip," says the Toronto-based father of two. In fact, this summer, Johnson and his ex-wife are heading to Wolfville, N.S., where they'll be performing in Love Letters.

"We're thinking about driving down and taking out kids with us," he explains.

"We're hoping that at the age of 19 and 21, they're not going to sit in the back and go, 'When are we going to get there.' We hope they're past that stage."

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Canadian actor
David C. Johnson

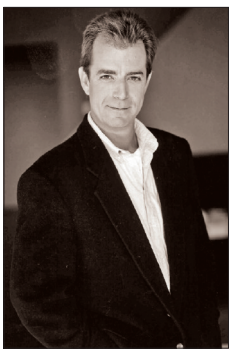
Having driven a Chevy Suburban for years, Johnson decided to get a new car four years ago that wasn't a gas guzzler, but still offered lots of room to transport his fishing equipment and kayak and a durable interior.

An avid outdoorsman, who admits he has no penchant for luxury cars, Johnson praises his "fishin' machine," as he affectionately refers to his Honda, with getting him through a few sticky situations, namely last spring, when the road to a friend's trout camp in Quebec was flooded by beaver dams.

"Although it's a four-wheel drive, it doesn't have a lot of clearance," he explains of his car that offers the room of an SUV but drives more like a Civic. "It's not meant for off-road work. But I was pushing water up to my headlights, going across this stream. She got through with no problems and didn't even stall."

Come October, Johnson will be making the trip to St. Jacobs, Ont., where he'll be starring in The Heiress. "That's going to be a bit of a road trip every day," he says. "Hopefully I'll be going against traffic!"

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at several magazines including Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.



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Detroit quality improving: Study

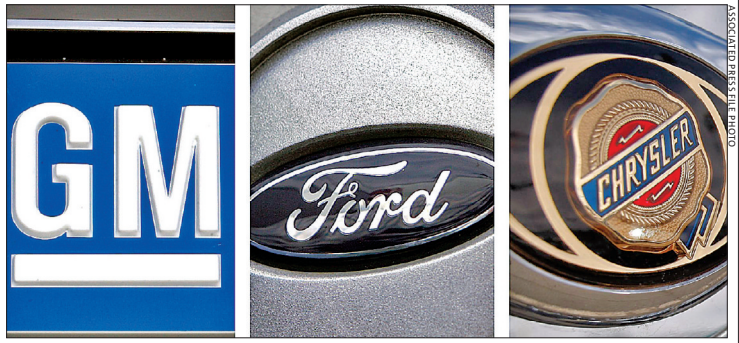
There's a message for Detroit's automakers in the new J.D. Power and Associates rankings: Good work. Now go back and do it again.

The marketing and consulting company's closely watched annual study of vehicle quality found Monday that Ford, General Motors and Chrysler made strides last year but still lag behind their foreign competitors.

At a time when Detroit is desperate to start turning out cars and trucks that people want to buy, the top two brands in the J.D. Power study were foreign cars: Lexus, Toyota's luxury line, and the Porsche. GM's Cadillac finished third.

The survey measures mechanical and design problems that show up in the first 90 days of ownership. The 2009 models turned out by the Detroit Three improved by an average of 10 per cent, compared with an industry average of eight per cent.

Toyota, which overtook GM last year as the world's biggest automaker, dominated the J.D. Power honours. It swept awards in 10 vehicle categories, and its plant in Japan that builds the Lexus SC 430 and Toyota Corolla took the award for top plant.



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General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler have made big improvements to new vehicle quality over the last year, but still lag behind their foreign competitors, according to J.D. Power and Associates.

From the report

- For the industry as a whole, there were just 108 problems reported for every 100 vehicles, down from 118 last year.
- The rankings are based on questionnaires from more than 80,000 people who bought or leased new 2009 cars and trucks earlier this year. The questionnaire covers issues from handling and braking to seat comfort.

For GM, only two brands performed above average: Cadillac and Chevrolet. The four brands it is purging in bankruptcy protection — Pontiac, Saturn, Hummer and Saab — were also its worst rated.

"Is it where we need to be? No," said Jamie Hresko, GM's vice president for global quality. "To have our core brands — Cadillac and Chevrolet — be on par with Toyota, we have reached a level of quality that will allow us to change perceptions."

The scores come during a tumultuous time for the auto industry, with sales at their worst level in decades and taxpayers stuck paying for part of the restructuring of General Motors Corp. and Chrysler Group LLC to the tune of billions of dollars.

Although the two automakers have been pummelled by the economic crisis, many analysts have complained that a shortage of high-quality small car offerings has hobbled their performance in an already difficult market.

"There are too many cars and not enough consumers," said Dave Sargent, vice president of automotive research at J.D. Power

Sargent said the quality of Detroit's passenger cars is now roughly equal to foreign automakers.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nissan GT-R gets performance award

The 2009 World Performance Car award recently went to the Nissan GT-R.

It was chosen from an initial entry list of 23 contenders nominated by 59 World Car jurors from 25 countries throughout the world.

The top three contenders for the World Performance Car were the Nissan GT-R, the Corvette ZR1 and the Porsche 911 Carrera.

While the winner of the overall World Car of the Year award must excel in a broad range of attributes, there is a segment of the car-buying public for whom performance — in its broadest sense — overrides all other priorities.

Vehicles appealing to that clientele may be too narrowly focused to appeal to the masses, but it is an important element in the overall automotive mix. It is for that reason that the World Performance Car award was created in 2005.

Candidates for the World Performance Car award must demonstrate a specific and overt sports/performance orientation. They must also satisfy the same availability criteria as for the overall World Car award and may be chosen from that list of eligible vehicles.

Additional entrants may include newly introduced variants that satisfy the same criteria, but are derived from existing rather than brand-new models.

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The Nissan GT-R was named 2009 World Performance Car recently.

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Toyota grad program

Camry XLE details revealed
Toyota's new 2010 Toyota Camry XLE features all the standard equipment found in a V6, but delivers it in a new 2.5 litre four-cylinder engine and six-speed automatic transmission. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Off-roading 101

Tips for taking path less travelled

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Ready to hit the dirt for the first time in your new truck or SUV? Here are some basic tips to keep you safe, secure and free of being hopelessly stuck. They even rhyme, so they'll be easy to remember.

WHEN IN DOUBT, GET OUT AND SCOUT

Assuming your vehicle can tackle a questionable stretch of terrain is a good way to get stuck. Not sure how challenging an unfamiliar bit of trail is? Take a walk to check things out first. If your intended path looks too dangerous, deep, or rocky, find another one.

WATER ON THE TRAIL? LET COMMON SENSE PREVAIL

Deep water can hide serious obstacles, ruts, and other nasty hazards. It can also destroy your vehicle's engine. Most SUV's are engineered with some degree of water fording ability—but you should never cross water if you aren't sure of its depth or what's beneath it.

Mark Nelson, Chrysler's senior manager of Jeep vehicle synthesis, comments "when crossing deep water, one should always verify the water depth prior to entering. Reference your owner's manual for water fording capability. Once you decide to enter the water, do it slowly. If at any time you feel you'll exceed the depth originally anticipated, back out the way you came."

WHEN THE ROAD ENDS, BE SURE TO BRING FRIENDS

Off-roading alone is bad news. If you wind up hurt, stuck or lost, it's best to have a friend or two along with a capable vehicle.

USE 4X4 AS NEEDED, WHEN TRACTION'S DEPLETED

If your vehicle has a transfer case, you may be unsure of when to select two or four wheel drive, or when to engage the low-range. Nelson offers some advice.

"In general, low-range should be used when tackling steep grades so the gearing advantage can be utilized. A good rule of thumb is to not engage four wheel drive, either high or low, until you need it. Once in need of 4WD, use 'Hi' until the terrain dictates."

Remember, that 4WD "Lo" setting can only be used at crawling speeds, so switch back to "Hi" when you're finished with it.

Off-roading can be fun and thrilling for adventure lovers but make sure you know some of the basic rules of travelling through rough and inhospitable terrain.

ENCOUNTERING RUTS? STAY ON TOP OF THE CUTS!

Get your tires into a rut, and you'll lose your ability to steer, while running the risk of getting seriously stuck.

If travelling in the same direction as the ruts, keep your tires riding the high ground on either side of them. At the very least, try and keep at least two tires out of the ruts at all times. If you're travelling across ruts, you're typically best to tackle them diagonally — one wheel at a time. Go slowly and be very gentle with the controls.

OBSTACLE AHEAD? HIT IT WITH THE TREADS!

Never assume you'll be able to clear an obstacle you have to drive over. If you can't get around that tree stump or rock that wants to puncture your oil pan, you're generally best to hit it with the tires.

Have a friend spot you, or stop and check for clearance first. Line one side of your vehicle up with the obstacle, and drive over it very slowly, one tire at a time.

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Automakers keeping faith in fuel cell vehicles

Driving green

The shine went off hydrogen fuel-cell cars well before the auto industry drove off a cliff last year, but that doesn't mean carmakers have abandoned the zero-emission technology.

In the 1990s, proponents predicted consumers could be driving fuel-cell vehicles as early as next year.

But they underestimated the obstacles in the way of producing a reliable, affordable car with the kind of range and drivability motorists now take for granted.

The U.S. government, facing a trillion-dollar deficit and a costly bailout of ailing domestic automakers, has slashed research funding for automotive fuel cells in favour of alternatives such as battery-electric and biofuel-powered vehicles.

Canadian fuel-cell pioneer Ballard Power Systems Ltd., of Burnaby, B.C., has virtually given up on the automotive side, focusing instead on more prosaic applications such as industrial forklifts and stationary backup power generators.

But the major automakers, including one-time Ballard partners Daimler-Benz and Ford, as well as embattled General Motors, are still sure hydrogen fuel cells represent the best long-term answer for reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

Fuel cells coming to Olympics

- In all, there are about 300 fuel-cell vehicles from different makers in the hands of California drivers, including a version of GM's Equinox crossover SUV. GM is also promising to bring eight to Canada for use at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Fuel cells combine hydrogen and air to produce electricity by running them through a chemical catalyst. The only byproducts are heat and water.

Auto industry experts at a recent international conference on fuel cells in Vancouver said even if carbon-based sources such as natural gas or biomass are used to produce the hydrogen, fuel cells are more energy efficient and produce far less CO2 than hybrids or plug-in, battery-powered vehicles.

But for now, fuel-cell vehicles represent part of a multi-faceted solution to reduce greenhouse gases and conserve petroleum resources, they said.

Battery-electric vehicles seem the best choice now for short-distance city use, with plug-in hybrids that use small on-board engines to recharge their batteries better suited to longer distances.

The generally accepted goal is to produce a vehicle that can go 500 kilometres without refuelling while surviving northern winters and desert summers.

Automakers are closing in on those goals.

Honda's latest fuel-cell car, the FCX Clarity, has a range of 390 kilometres and can start in temperatures ranging from -30 C to 95 C, Ryan Harty, a Canadian-born engineer with American Honda's fuel-cell research centre in Torrance, Calif., said in an interview.

Automakers have largely settled on 2015 as a target date to get mass-produced fuel-cell cars into dealer showrooms.

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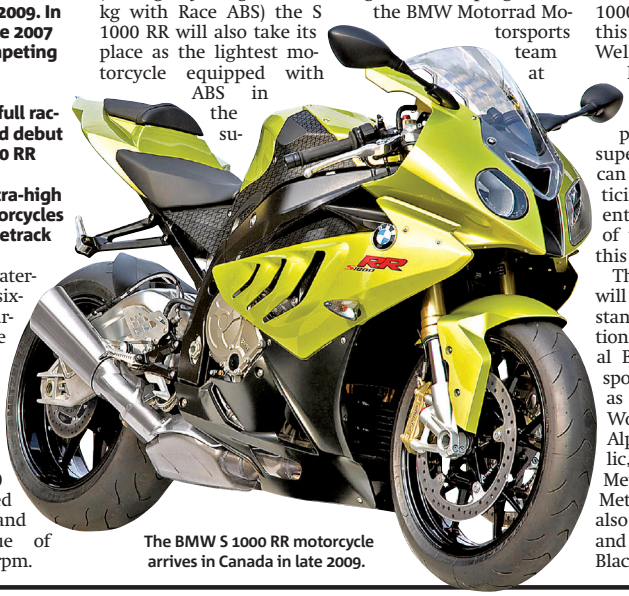
VW tops for engine
Volkswagen has taken the top honours at the International Engine of the Year Awards for 2009, judged by a panel of 65 automotive journalists from 32 countries, including four from Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Superbike coming

The BMW S 1000 RR supersport motorcycle will arrive in Canada in the fourth quarter of 2009. In development since 2007 and currently competing in the 2009 World Superbike Championship in full racing trim, the world debut of the BMW S 1000 RR should set a new benchmark for ultra-high performance motorcycles — on both the racetrack and the road.

The 999cc water-cooled, DOHC, sixteen valve four-cylinder inline power unit is brand-new from the ground up, bred for racing, developing a maximum output of 193 hp at 13,000 rpm (rev-limited to14,200 rpm) and maximum torque of 82.5 lb-ft at 9,750 rpm.

With overall weight of just 204 kg including fuel (183 kg dry weight, 206.5 kg with Race ABS) the S 1000 RR will also take its place as the lightest motorcycle equipped with ABS in the supersports category.


The BMW S 1000 RR motorcycle arrives in Canada in late 2009.

"We are eagerly following the solid progress of the BMW Motorrad Motorsports team at the World Superbike Championships and excited to be introducing the S 1000 RR in Canada later this year," said Norm Wells, director of BMW Motorrad Canada. "We are looking forward to having an ultra-competitive product in the supersport category and can already sense the anticipation of motorcycle enthusiasts for the arrival of the the S 1000 RR in this market."

The new BMW S 1000 RR will be available in three standard color combinations along with an optional BMW Motorrad Motorsport Team colour scheme as on the Superbike Works racing bikes — Alpine White Non-Metallic, Magma Red Non-Metallic, and Lupin Blue Metallic, with swing arms also finished in Eloxy Silver and wheels in high-gloss Black. FROM CARGUIDE

The Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution FQ-330 SST

More power to Lancer

NEW MODEL Since its introduction in 2008, the Lancer Evolution X has been an enormous success, gaining popular acclaim from customers and the media alike. Now, after extensive testing, Mitsubishi Motors in Europe has added the eagerly awaited FQ-330 SST to its lineup.

The FQ-330 SST model utilizes a breathing kit and ECU re-map to accomplish its enhanced power output. This power upgrade noticeably improves not only the acceleration, but also significantly enhances the drive.

The power upgrade to 329 hp is achieved by the addition of a high performance exhaust and downpipe, an intercooler piping kit, racing suction pipe, and upgraded CAT, which delivers an additional 36 hp and 22 lb/ft of torque mated to the advanced 6-speed Twin-Clutch Sports Shift Transmission.

No word yet on when the model will be hitting North American shores. FROM CARGUIDE

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Learning car tech key to saving lives

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

A car has crashed, and someone is trapped inside. The seatbelts and airbags have done their job, and the driver has survived. But now, as firefighters work to extricate him, those safety features become part of pulling the car apart.

Airbags, high-strength steel, and hybrid electrical systems must all be taken into account, and first responders are continually upgrading their skills to stay on top of the latest features.

"My job is primarily to keep up with the new technology that exists today," says Mark Bardgett, a captain with Toronto Fire Services' Professional Development & Training. "We have online training, shift training instructors, and an auto extrication skills maintenance program."

While the basics haven't changed — first stabilize patient and vehicle, and then determine the best way to dismantle the car — fire services are constantly learning as cars become more sophisticated.

"Some vehicles have five layers of steel and reinforced pillars," Bardgett says. "If you cut it, you can see that there are layers of overriding steel, and we teach our crews to work with it. It doesn't take longer to get someone out, but we look at different ways when we assess wrecks, and determine what is the best way to defeat the structure. We look at the make of the vehicle, the type of vehicle, and come up with a plan to perform the quickest, safest extrication, with the patient being the common denominator. If the method isn't successful, we always have a 'Plan B' in store."

"Fire departments have always been able to meet the challenges of new vehicle technology."
Mark Bardgett of Toronto Fire Services

A routine is always followed. First, the vehicle is stabilized with wooden structures, called cribs, to prevent rolling or shifting. Then, before any cuts are made, firefighters "peel and peek," Bardgett says, looking for safety system triggers, brakes or fuel lines. They can be in various places, but standardization wouldn't matter; even if the crew had cut apart an identical vehicle the day before, they would still check before proceeding.

They disconnect the battery, but stay away from the "strike zone" around undeployed airbags, which may still be live.

Firefighters have to keep up with ever-changing vehicle technology in order to undertake successful rescues.

"Fire departments have always been able to meet the challenges of new vehicle technology. It will just be a case of gaining information and learning it. With safety procedures in mind, a rescue scene can be a very safe and efficient operation."

Special edition smart

smart Canada today announced the arrival of the smart fortwo edition limited three. Finished in exclusive melon green metallic paint with 12 spoke, 15" alloy wheels, production of this stylish new smart fortwo will be restricted to just 180 units to ensure individuality and exclusivity. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Licensed to thrill

The Mazda MX-5 is engineered to deliver maximum driving pleasures at modest velocities.

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

Mazda would like us to believe its diminutive iconic two-seat roadster is called the MX-5. It's not. It's the Miata. Always has been. Always will be.

Allow me to illustrate:

"What car are you testing this week?"

"A Mazda MX-5."

Awkward silence. Blank stare. Chirping crickets.

"You know, a Miata."

"Oh yeah! Cute car. Don't they come with a big bottle of perfume?"

This third generation car (launched in 2006 with the MX-5 handle) sees a number of tweaks for 2009. Externally, it gets more muscular side-sills, reshaped rear bumper and a revised visage with sharper headlights and a (thankfully) subtler version of Mazda's leering grill.

2009 Mazda MX-5 GT

Type: Two-seat roadster
Price: $39,995 (base)
Engine: 2.0L four cylinder
HP/Torque: 167 hp; 140 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Fun to drive
- Cute looks

The interior is spruced up with recontoured sport seats, trim upgrades, sharper gauge graphics, a new center console with additional storage, a padded armrest and door panels reshaped for increased leg room.

MX-5 pricing starts at $28,995 for the five-speed manual soft-top GX. My fully loaded six-speed manual GT specimen checked in at $39,995. That price included the power retractable hardtop, which is a $2295 option on the $33,495 six-speed GS model.

The GT gets such niceties as keyless entry, Bluetooth, heated leather seats, 7-speaker audio, Sirius satellite, 17" alloys, fog lights, strut tower brace, Xenon headlights and A/C with auto climate control.

No one buys an MX-5 for long distance touring. It's made for sunny days and country roads.

Though 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the Miata, I'm happy to report it retains the simple rear-drive purity that made this roadster a hit from day one. Clutch takeup is short, and a mere twist of the wrist has the roadster changing its directional path. The star of the show is the rifle-bolt six-speed shifter that sprouts from the top of the transmission, just as God intended.

A six-speed auto with paddle shifters is a $1200 option. And yes, God will probably forgive you for ordering a slushbox-equipped Miata.

For 2009, the 2.0 litre four-cylinder engine gets a new forged steel crankshaft and connecting rods, stiffer valve springs and an oil cooler. Horsepower increases by one to 167 and the redline has risen from 6700 to 7200 r.p.m. With 140 lb-ft of torque it's reasonably punchy in the midrange.

The interior is spruced up with recontoured sport seats and sharper gauge graphics, among other upgrades.

The MX-5 is engineered to deliver maximum driving pleasures at modest velocities. It's a seven-tenths car. Push beyond that and it gets tail happy and a bit messy. If you want a ten-tenths roadster, spend twice the money and buy a Porsche Boxster.

While the MX-5 Miata was probably the last car to ask for a retractable hardtop, Mazda has engineered a slick piece here that looks good, operates in 12 seconds and doesn't take up any more trunk space than the fabric lid. It does add 37 kg though.

The MX-5's closest rivals are the Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky siblings, both of which are lovely to look at, not bad to drive and sadly, likely to be deep-sixed with GM's restructuring.

And this is the last year for the Honda S2000.

It seems as though Mazda's little roadster has once again got the playground to itself.

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Bug splats menace in summer

With warmer weather, bugs across the country are on the rise.

From mayflies to mosquitoes, insects swarm the roadways.

Many will meet an untimely death on vehicle windshields this summer, leaving drivers with a mess that typical blue washer fluids can't remove.

"Most bugs are small, but they can travel in swarms which can make a large impact on your windshield," said splatologist Mark Hostetler, a recognized Bug Doctor and author of That Gunk on Your Car: A Unique Guide to Insects of North America.

"As the temperature rises, so does the number of insects near the roadways. They are so numerous that many are traversing roads and ending up on our windshields."

According to Hostetler, carbohydrates found in insect parts and bird droppings cause biological deposits to stick to windshields on impact, creating large splats that can impair driver visibility.

In the summer months, bug splats on a vehicle's windshield might take some effort on your part to remove.

In addition, if some splats are not removed relatively quickly, a vehicle's paint can be "eaten" by the splat's acidity.

Bugs are interesting creatures, and you can tell a lot about them from the splat they leave on your windshield.

For example, examine the colour of the splat. If it has a bit of red in it, then it's from a female bug — they're the only ones that bite and draw blood," said Hostetler.

"For as interesting as they are, however, at some point we've still got to get them off the windshield."

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Postage from the past

The world's first postage stamps — known as the Penny Black and the Twopenny Blue, both of which feature the image of a young Queen Victoria — form the centrepiece of a new exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Her Majesty's Stamps consists of more than 400 items from the Royal Philatelic Collection, considered the finest collection of British and Commonwealth stamps in the world. See civilization.ca. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'It's really a knockout, you know?'

Seeing New York City through the eyes of Woody Allen

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Long before I saw the Statue of Liberty in person I felt like a New Yorker. Woody Allen's movies were my initiation and his romantic, idealized view of the Big Apple planted the seed for my longtime love of the city.

His latest film, Whatever Works, is the first of Allen's films to be set in Manhattan in four years, and you get the sense he's glad to be home. It's his love letter to the city, showcasing only-in-New-York locations like Chinatown's fish markets and the Yonah Schimmel Knishery (137 E. Houston St. near 1st Ave., 212-477-2858).

The movie will make you want to jump on a NYC-bound plane ASAP, which is exactly what I did.

There are no official Woody Allen tours of Manhattan, so I created my own daytrip to see Allen's New York with my own eyes. With a good pair of runners, a map, a Metrocard (get a 1-Day Fun Pass for $7.50 US at MetroCard Vending Machines and neighborhood stores) and some determination you should be able to do this tour in about six hours.

The first stop serves a double purpose. The Dean & Deluca Café (560 Broadway at Prince St. in SoHo, 212-226-6800) is the perfect place to fuel up on coffee to get the day started — it's also where Mia Farrow has lunch with the newly-single Judy Davis in Husbands and Wives.

Now that you're in a caffeinated, New York state of mind, exit Soho for the funkier streets of Greenwich Village.

You'll pass the former home of The Bleecker Street Cinema (144 Bleecker St.) — where Allen's character takes his niece to see movies that will improve her mind in Crimes and Misdemeanors — on your way to his favorite pizza joint, John's Pizzeria (278 Bleecker St. in Greenwich Village, 212-243-1680).

John's Pizzeria is also the place where Allen and his much younger girlfriend, played by Mariel Hemingway, have the "in six months you'll be a completely different person" conversation in 1979's Manhattan.

Moving north, our next stop is in midtown. The Carnegie Deli (854 Seventh Ave. between 54th and 55th streets, 212-757-9889) is virtually unchanged since Woody shot much of Broadway Danny Rose here in 1984.

In fact it hasn't changed much since it opened in 1937 and Henny Youngman was a regular.

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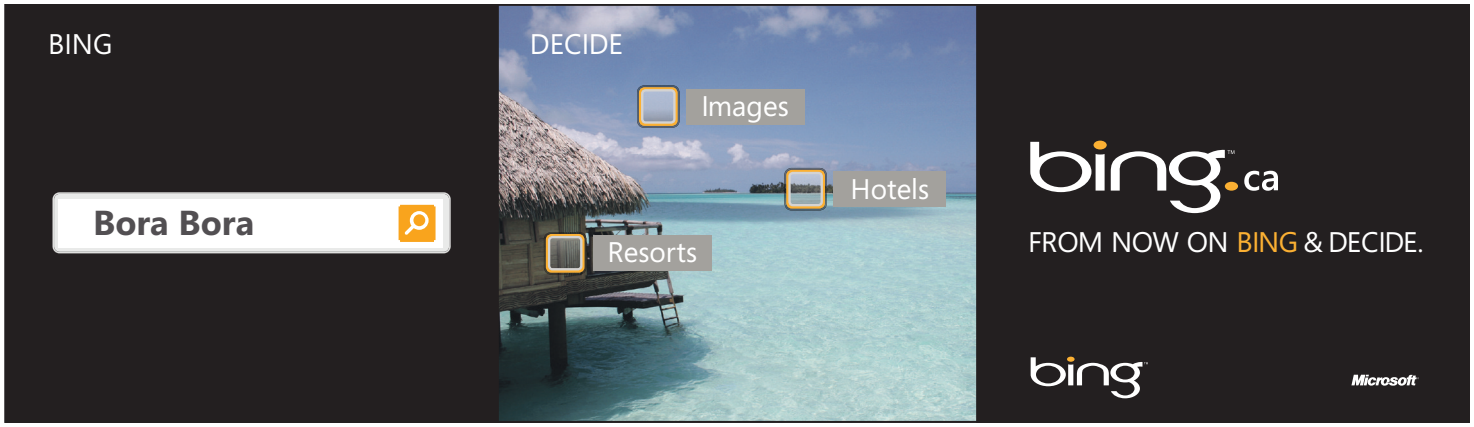
Left, Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in classic scene from the 1979 movie Manhattan. Right, Elaine's, the setting for one of Allen's most famous one-liners.

Evan Rachel Wood and Larry David in a scene from Whatever Works.



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A new paean to the past

Acropolis Museum boosts case for return of artifacts

Greece opened its long-anticipated new Acropolis Museum this past weekend, boosting its decades-old campaign for the return of 2,500-year-old sculptures removed from the ancient citadel by a 19th-century British diplomat.

Visitors walk amongst statues at the new, long-anticipated Acropolis museum in Athens. The museum boosts Greece's decades-old campaign for the return of 2,500-year-old sculptures removed from the ancient citadel by a 19th century British diplomat.

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A visitor to the new Acropolis museum stands behind a fragment of the Parthenon's marble frieze. The bronzed original carvings stand in contrast to the white replicas of the part of the frieze now displayed in the British Museum in London.

After years of delays and legal wrangling, the museum opened its doors to the public on Sunday at a nominal charge of about $1.60 — the price of a public bus ticket.

Saturday night's lavish opening ceremony, which had a nearly $4.7-million price tag, was attended by foreign heads of state and government, whose presence was seen as a tacit approval of the marbles' return.

But the party was tinged with a sense of loss. "We cannot dedicate this magnificent new museum with full hearts," said Culture Minister Antonis Samaras. "We cannot illuminate fully the artistic achievement created in 5th-century (BC) Athens, because almost half of the sculptures from the Parthenon were taken from here 207 years ago to reside in enforced exile 4,000 kilometres away."

The museum is the centrepiece of Greece's efforts to regain the Parthenon Marbles — sculptures that were part of a stunning 160-metre marble frieze of a religious procession that adorned the top of the ancient citadel's grandest structure, the Parthenon.

The temple was built at the height of Athens' glory between 447 and 432 BC in honour of the city's patron goddess, Athena.

Britain's envoy, Lord Elgin, pried them off the building in the early 1800s while Greece was still an unwilling part of the Ottoman Empire. Facing bankruptcy, he eventually sold the artworks to the British Museum, where they have been displayed ever since.

"This was an act of barbarism that can be corrected," museum director Dimitris Pantermalis said. "It's not an issue of pointing a finger at the British Museum, but of building bridges ... that can correct the unfortunate historic event of 1800."

The return of the Parthenon, or Elgin, Marbles is an issue of national pride in Greece. Successive governments have waged a high-profile but so far fruitless campaign for their repatriation, saying the sculptures were looted from a work of art so important that its surviving pieces should all be exhibited together.

"The abduction of these sculptures is not only an injustice to us Greeks but to everyone in the world," Samaras said. "They were made to be seen in sequence and in total, something that cannot happen as long as half of them are held hostage in the British Museum."

The British Museum has rejected repeated requests to send the marbles home.

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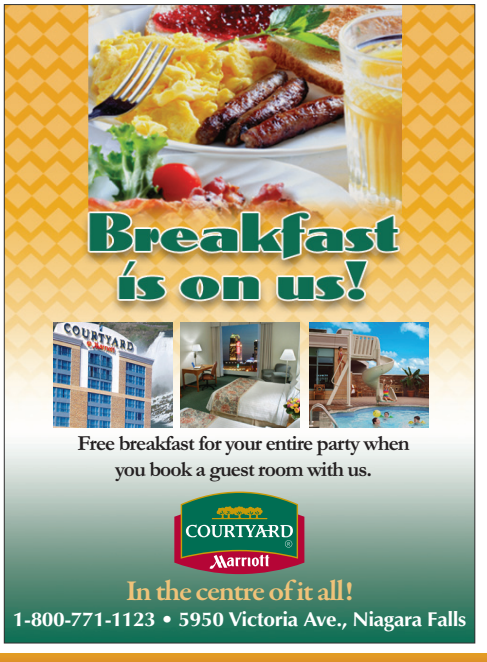

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Garden exhibit
The New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx is opening a new outdoor exhibit called The Edible Garden with programming that includes tastings, tours, demonstrations and celebrity lectures; see nybg.org. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A visitor to the new Acropolis museum stands behind the Caryatids, female figures used instead of pillars. The empty space in front of the visitor denotes the absence of a Caryatid now on display at the British Museum in London.

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It counters that it legally owns the collection and that it is displayed free of charge in an international cultural context.

"I think they belong to all of us. We are all global citizens these days," said British Museum spokeswoman Hannah Boulton.

"The Acropolis Museum is obviously going to be a fantastic new museum. ... It's obviously going to be wonderful to finally be able to see all the sculptures that remain in Athens on public display," Boulton said.

"But ... here in the British Museum, they can tell this equally important, although different story about ancient Athens' place, in world cultures."

The British Museum says it only considers loan requests that recognize its ownership of artifacts, and that a loan would not be permanent nor include the whole collection.

Samaras has already rejected such a suggestion, saying instead he would be prepared to discuss lending Greek antiquities to the London museum "to fill the gap left when the Marbles finally return to the place where they belong."

One of the main arguments against returning the sculptures had been a lack of an appropriate place to house them. Many maintained that by removing the marbles, Elgin had ultimately protected them from damage by acid rain and pollution.

But the new $205-million glass and concrete museum at the foot of the ancient citadel is Greece's reply.

Holding more than 4,000 ancient works in 14,000 square metres of display space, the museum's highlight is its top story. The glass hall displays the section of the Parthenon frieze that Elgin left behind, next to plaster casts of the works in London — which Greece hopes one day to replace with the originals from the British Museum.

"In essence it will be a constant, silent denunciation" of the Parthenon Marbles' continued absence, Samaras said. The new museum, the minister said, "is a catalyst for the return of the Parthenon Marbles."

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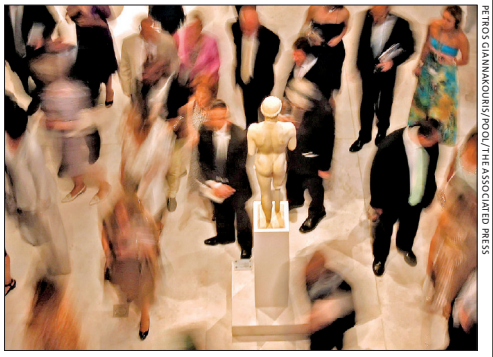
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Officials and guests view the exhibits as they visit the new Acropolis museum during the opening ceremony in Athens.

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A tailings tour

It's one of the youngest towns in Canada, but that isn't stopping Faro, population 400, from celebrating its short history.

Built by a mining company in 1969 — and named after a gambling card game — the community in central-southeast Yukon is marking its 40th anniversary on July 1-5 with tours of the giant mine nearby that closed over a decade ago.

"I think that will be a big draw for Yukoners," says Daniel Steiner, the town's community development and grants co-ordinator. The Faro mine was at one time the largest open-pit lead/zinc mine in the world and the pillar of the Yukon economy. It closed in 1998 when the Anvil Range Mining Corp. went bankrupt.

Participants on the free guided tours will see 270 million tonnes of waste rock piled 200 to 300 metres high and tailings that stretch four kilometres long, says Steiner. There's also the huge pit that the rock came out of, hundreds of metres deep and partly filled with water."It is quite spectacular," Steiner says of the mine complex. "It's as if you're walking on the moon."

Earlier this year the territorial government announced details of a reclamation project that will cost half a billion dollars and include covering the tailings with vegetation and treating water on the site for hundreds of years. The massive scale of the effort, set to begin in about three years, is unique in the Yukon and probably in Canada, says Steiner.

"A big part of the motivation behind the mine tours is to educate the public on the plan to clean up the site," he says.

These days Faro, which once had 2,500 residents, relies on tourism for economic growth. Surrounded by wilderness, with lakes, rivers and mountains, it bills itself as a year-round outdoors playground.

"Ecotourism is growing, local B&Bs are doing well, and we're capitalizing on our strengths, which is abundant wildlife and beautiful surroundings," says Steiner. Besides the mine tours, the anniversary events will include dances, a bison burger barbecue, a golf tournament, a guided hike with a naturalist, and arts and crafts demonstrations.

Steiner insists the town isn't too young to celebrate itself. "Absolutely not. We certainly know how to have a good time up here, and we'll find any excuse to have a party."

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Good to know

- Faro, a four-hour drive northeast of Whitehorse, is located amid the mountains of the Yukon's Tintina Valley.
- See faroyukon.ca.

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This 2006 file photo shows an aerial view of the Grum pit at the Faro mine complex in the Yukon Territories is shown in a 2006 file photo. Faro, population 400, is marking its 40th anniversary on July 1-5 with tours of the giant mine nearby that closed over a decade ago.

Riding the Icefields Parkway

RoadWarrior

Michael Jackson

I finally arrived back in Canada: It had been 29 days and over 14,000 kilometres since I had crossed the border into the USA.

I took the Black Ball ferry from Port Angeles in Washington across the Strait of Juan de Fuca and was in Victoria by midday.

My destination was Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island. To get there, you head north to Nanaimo then turn west onto Highway 4 to Tofino

The road to Tofino is impressive. Heading west along its length you pass through Cathedral Grove, home to a stand of ancient Douglas fir trees which are similar to the giants found in California's Redwood forest. Further along, you enter a portion of Pacific Rim National Park, and Long Beach, a West Coast surfers' mecca. They you arrive in Tofino, a small town located at the end of a spit of land.

The surrounding coast has a rugged beauty: Hardscrabble shorelines of black rock and large wind-bent trees intermingled with long, golden beaches.

I had been here many years earlier and it seemed not to have changed, possibly because it's quite remote and two-lane road can't handle a large volume of cars.

Returning along to Nanaimo, I caught the ferry to Vancouver's Horseshoe Bay. From there I rode the Sea to Sky route up past Whistler to Golden and took a room for the night. The Rocky Mountains to the east and the Purcell Mountains to the west surrounded me. It was cold up high, cold enough that the campsites in the national parks were still closed because of snow.

The following morning, I rode up the Icefields Parkway. The route north to Jasper, Alta., is considered one of the most scenic in the world, and it certainly lived up to its reputation.

I rode alongside the Saskatchewan River from Lake Louise up to the Columbia Icefields, then followed the Athabasca River the rest of the way into Jasper. The azure water of these rivers is magical — It's hard to imagine water this colour.

I stopped to fill up my CamelBak from the water cascading down from Tangle Creek Falls. It was a homecoming of sorts. I had lived and worked in this area for a time as a young man. Just like Tofino, this area was the same as I remember it over 30 years earlier. Time seems to have stood still.

Lake Louise, Jasper and the parkway that connects them are certainly a 10 on my list of routes to ride. I wouldn't have missed them for the world.

MICHAEL JACKSON/FOR METRO CANADA

Stopping at Tangle Creek Falls near Jasper, Alta.

Michael Jackson is on a two-month motorcycle trip around North America. Track his progress at adventuremotorcycleroutes.ca.

Mobile mania
In recent months, use of travel-related handheld applications by business travellers has skyrocketed. Such applications now include flight status updates, itinerary management and hotel-booking tools. BTONLINE.COM

Allen's romanticized view of NYC

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Take some time to check out the autographed pictures of celebrities have eaten there, and if you have the appetite of three people order The Woody Allen — "Lotsa corned beef plus lotsa pastrami; for the dedicated fresser only!" says the menu, and it's not kidding. There's over a pound of meat between two slices of rye.

Next, walk off the sandwich with a jaunt to the The St. Regis-Sheraton Hotel (2 E. 55th St., 212-753-4500). Woody has used this location twice. This is where Michael Caine and Barbara Hershey carried on their covert love affair in Hannah and Her Sisters and, in Radio Days, the hotel's King Cole Room (with its Maxfield Parrish Art Nouveau mural behind the bar) was the site of the swanky New Year's celebration Joe Needleman listened to on the wireless.

The next stop is the location of one of Allen's most iconic New York images. The poster for Manhattan showing Woody and Diane Keaton sitting in silhouette on a bench was shot at Riverview Terrace on Sutton Square, just beneath the 59th Street Bridge.

It looks a little different than it did in 1979. The bench is gone (stolen by Woody fans perhaps?) and the landscape is a little different but the view is still spectacular.

You've seen the movies and the sights, now catch a glimpse of the Wood-man in person. Allen and his clarinet have been blowing up a Dixieland storm on Monday nights (from September to June) at the Café Carlyle (35 E. 76th St. on the northeast corner of Madison Avenue, 212-744-1600) since 1996. Reservations and jackets are required and tickets ($100 for the show, dinner is extra) go quickly so book ahead for the toe-tapping fun.

MICHAEL KELLY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Carnegie Deli was the setting for much of Broadway Danny Rose. Visitors can also order the Woody Allen — "Lotsa corned beef plus lotsa pastrami; for the dedicated fresser only!"

Not quite as exclusive or as pricey is Elaine's (1703 Second Ave. between E. 88th and E. 89th St., 212-534-8103), which restaurant writer A. E. Hotchner summed up with the words, "What Rick's place was to Casablanca, Elaine's is to New York."

On film it's the location of one of Allen's most famous one-liners: In Manhattan, he's at Elaine's complaining about the difficulties of seeing a 17-year-old. "I'm dating a girl who does homework," he says.

Off-screen, it's one of his favorite restaurants. "I ate at Elaine's every night for about 10 years," he said. "I've eaten alongside everyone from Don King to Simone de Beauvoir. There was no celebrity that didn't show up there."

One of the celebrities who ate there was Mia Farrow, who asked Michael Caine to introduce her to Woody one night at the restaurant, thus beginning their long and tumultuous affair. Soak in that storied atmosphere for the price of an entrée.

RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO CANADA

Catch Woody Allen play clarinet with his band Monday nights from September to June at the Café Carlyle.

The tour finishes up with a trip to Pomander Walk, (260-266 W. 95th St. through to 94th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue). This beautiful village — built to resemble the London stage set from a romantic 1910 play — is made up of 27 Tudor-style houses and is the location of the architectural tour Sam Waterston gives Dianne Wiest and Carrie Fisher in Hannah and Her Sisters.

You'll have to peek through the gate (it's locked to the public) but its Alice in Wonderland aura and the fact that Humphrey Bogart used to live there make it a must-see for movie fans.

By the tour's end you'll see why Isaac Davis, Woody Allen's character in Manhattan, famously said, "This is really a great city. I don't care what anybody says, it's really a knockout, you know?"

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Here come the brides (or grooms)

Destinations across Canada want a piece of gay marriage tourism

Both gay travel and destination weddings mean big business to the travel industry — but what about same-sex destination weddings?

Well, there's plenty of anecdotal evidence out there that Canada has enjoyed a tourism influx in the last few years from couples looking to get hitched here.

But we were surprised to find that more provincial tourism boards aren't going all-out to attract their share of gay wedding travellers. After all, much of New England now recognizes same-sex marriages, so Canada can't afford to rest on its laurels: The competition to provide a dream wedding destination to same-sex couples is only going to heat up.

That said, we were still able to locate a fair few gay wedding organizers and related resources online from across the country. Here's what we've found:

Ontario

With a vibrant GBLT community and a variety of same-sex wedding organizers, you'd think Toronto would have sewn up the market on gay weddings in the province. Indeed, plenty of folks do arrange to get married here during Pride Week (and some travel agencies offer packages designed specifically with that aim in mind.

But Toronto does not have the market sewn up — we easily found wedding planners who organize same-sex weddings in cities from Ottawa to Hamilton.

In fact, when Lynn Warren and Alex Ali of the Amazing Race got married in a highly publicized ceremony at the Ottawa Congress Centre in June 2005, Jantine Van Kregten, director of communications for Ottawa Tourism came up with a pretty smart way of selling her destination as a same-sex wedding haven.

As she told Extra, "Our selling point is not, 'Hey, come and discover the 12 million bars that we have, or the nightlife scene,'" (saying) that Ottawa doesn't really have a strongly-anchored gay village to promote. "What we are offering is a safe, comfortable, welcoming, active and proud community." Van Kregten pointed to the more than 80 differing community organizations that will welcome those tourists with open arms."

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Alex Ali and Lynn Warren of The Amazing Race kiss a pair of doves during their June 2005 wedding in Ottawa.

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Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia can not only boast the country's first same-sex military, RCMP and MP weddings, but it was also the site where 10 couples from Rosie O'Donnell's R Family Vacations cruise in 2005 disembarked to get married.

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At the T.rex Discovery Centre, Scotty rules

Long before herds of buffalo stampeded across the Prairies, dinosaurs roamed the area that would become southwestern Saskatchewan.

It's here, in the tiny town of Eastend, Sask., population 600, where one of the largest skeletons of a Tyrannosaurus rex was found. At the T.rex Discovery Centre in Eastend, Scotty, as the Tyrannosaurus rex has become affectionately known, provides a glimpse into Saskatchewan's prehistoric past.

"Scotty is a pretty unique find," said Sean Bell, general manager of the T.rex Discovery Centre.

"He's probably one of the top five complete T. Rexes in the world."

Scotty was first found in 1991 by a high school principal who was out on expedition with two paleontologists from the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. The Regina-based museum began the excavation in 1994 and more parts of Scotty were found in the summer of 2002.

According to the museum's website, more than 65 per cent of the skeleton has been recovered, including most of the skull and jaws, many vertebra and ribs, the hip bones, most of a hind leg, and assorted other bones. But there's still work to do. "Some of his bones are still encased in extremely hard rock," said Bell.

"The Royal Saskatchewan Museum ... they're the ones doing the actual work on him and they did the excavation, they're still fighting to get some of that material out of the rock."

What has been found is stored at the T.rex Discovery Centre, which opened in July 2003.

"A good portion of the material is visible on display unarticulated, so you can actually see the tail for example is on display and it's quite a long tail," said Bell.

"Some of the leg bones are on display. Scotty's femur, the big thigh bone, is enormous and that's usually a very impressive one," he said.

"We do have a model of the skull as it was understood in 2004. I say as it was understood in 2004 because new material (the back of the skull) was found after that cast was made and makes the skull actually bigger than what you see out there."

Other new information came to light at a conference at the centre in May when Phil Currie, one of Canada's leading paleontologists from the University of Alberta, estimated that Scotty weighed about 5.3 tonnes - making him the largest T. Rex known, at least by body mass.

It's also believed Scotty was one of the oldest Tyrannosaurus rexes.

"The oldest measurable one was 28 years old. From what they can tell, Scotty's bones don't allow them to measure the same way, meaning he sort of outaged the aging studies," laughed Bell.

Oh, and there's one more thing. "I keep saying he, but (Currie) figures it's probably a female. They think Scotty may be a girl," said Bell.

She is not alone in the T.rex Discovery Centre.

Bell said there are cast models from other T. Rexes, including the skull of Black Beauty from Alberta and Big Mike from Montana.

The centre, which draws about 10,000 visitors each year, was built into the hillside and has a wall of windows across the front that look out into the lush Frenchman River Valley. It's open year-round and offers programs for all ages.

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T.REX DISCOVERY CENTRE

A cast model of the skull of Scotty, one of the largest T.rex dinosaurs ever found, on display at the T.rex Discovery Centre in Eastend, Sask.

Good to know

- The T.rex Discovery Centre is about 385 kilometres southwest of Regina, or about a four-hour drive. It's less than an hour away from Cypress Hills Provincial Park, making it an easy day trip for campers.
- eastend-sask.com has a map and several well detailed self-guided tours of the region.
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Diaz joins Hollywood Walk of Fame
Cameron Diaz has been given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The My Sister's Keeper actress celebrated the honour with friends Lucy Liu, Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, Nick Cassavetes and Danny Boyle yesterday. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Price of Beauty
Starting in July, Jessica Simpson will travel the globe talking to everyday women about the lengths they go for beauty for a new VH1 docu-series called The Price of Beauty. PEOPLE.COM

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Disappointing return

Visually spectacular Transformers sequel exhausting to watch

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
Director: Michael Bay
Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●○○○○

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for Metro Canada

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen opens in theatres today.

REVIEW Michael Bay's sequel to his 2007 international mega-hit Transformers is massive, loud and unrelenting. As a film, it's exhausting to watch, with every square inch of screen filled with over-saturated colour and a soundtrack clanging, scraping and rumbling nonstop.

In its defence, the visual effects appear to be spectacular, but Bay can't seem to let the camera rest for a second, making the scenes of giant alien robots doing battle confusing and hard to follow. Even in a simple, supposedly touching scene of dialogue between our hero Sam (Shia LaBeouf) and his girlfriend (Megan Fox), Bay's camera won't stop circling around them at a distracting pace.

Much like the first film, Revenge of the Fallen suffers from trying to stuff in too much of everything — too many Transformers (especially the similar-looking Decepticons), too many humans with too many subplots, too many attempts at humour — pushing it to an undeserved two-hour-plus running time.

The dialogue in the film breaks down into three categories: Yelling and shouting, summarizing the plot, or broad, sometimes offensive attempts at humour. In a story where the humans basically tag along with giant robots and try not to get killed, apparently everyone gets to be the comic relief.

And the film's humour — besides all the references to testicles — tends too often to veer off into the patently offensive, embodied more than anywhere else in a pair of Autobots who shuck and jive their way into a gold-toothed, illiterate robot rendition of Amos and Andy. That anyone involved with the production thought it would be OK is remarkable.

What's most surprising — and disappointing — about this new Transformers is not that it came from Michael Bay, but that it came from the same screenwriters who brought us this summer's earlier Star Trek. We know what they're capable of, and that just makes it that much more disappointing.

• For Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen photos, a trailer, screen times and tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Transformers screen times

DOWNTOWN: Scotiabank Theatre, Wed-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-10-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30 IMAX Wed-Thu 10:40-2-5:20-8:40-11:55; Market Square, Wed-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45; Varsity, Wed-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30 Wed 12:15-9:45 Thu 12:15-3:25-6:35-9:45; Yonge-Eglinton Centre, Wed 11:30-12-3-3:30-6:30-7-10-10:30 Thu 12-3:30-6:30-7-10:30 Wed 12-3:30-7-10:30 Thu 11:30-3-10

WEST END: Queensway, Wed 11:30-12-12:30-1:05-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30 Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30; Woodbine Centre, Wed-Thu 12:35-3:40-6:40-9:45

EAST END: Beach Cinemas, Wed-Thu 6:30-7-10-10:30

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HALTON: SilverCity Burlington 8, Wed-Thu 6:50-7:10-10:20-10:40; SilverCity Oakville Cinemas, Wed-Thu 6:50-7:10-7:15-10:20-10:40; SilverCity Brampton, Wed-Thu 3-3:30-4-6:30-7-7:30-10-10:30-11; Winston Churchill, Wed-Thu 9:40-10:15-10:50-12-12:35-1:10-1:45-2:20-3:30-4:05-4:40-5:15-5:50-7-7:35-8:10-8:45-9:20-10:30-11:05-12:15 Wed-Thu 11:25-2:55-6:25-9:55-11:40

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• Complete listings are available at metronews.ca/movies.

Rebeccah Wyse kicked off Runway

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Toronto

She's got the look. But when you see her in action, Rebeccah Wyse doesn't appear to fit the model mould.

"I am a big person who stamps around at random times and watches the original series of Star Trek all in one go because I'm just that kind of a person," said the 19-year-old from Cambridge, Ont.

Despite her regular exhibition of quirks and personality while competing on the third cycle of Canada's Next Top Model, the show's judges criticized the newly bleached-blonde, Twiggy-cut competitor for not being herself in photo shoot challenges, leading to Wyse being the latest model kicked off the show.

Her struggles started early in last night's episode, when judge and Fashion Television hostess Jeanne Beker primed the remaining six women to face the media; one required task of being a top model. Then, she took them to a Toronto Fashion Week party to test their interviewing prowess.

While Wyse received generally positive reviews for her performance, she said she lacked confidence when thinking of responses. "The media is kind of terrifying," she said with a laugh. "I felt that I was always thinking in the back of my mind, 'Don't say anything stupid. Don't say anything stupid. They're probably going to take it the wrong way'."

Her anxiety continued through the week's photo challenge, when she was paired up with fellow contender, Calgary's Nikita Kiceluk. The women had to pose together with background models, while both showcasing a mobile phone.

The brightest of the bunch was Meaghan DeWarreng-Waller of Winnipeg. She won the challenge, finally separating herself from Heather Delaney of Halifax, to whom she was oft compared by photographers and judges.

It was no surprise to Wyse, however, to be kicked off the show for her performance in the challenge. "I was disappointed in myself for only making it half way," she said, "but I was also really proud of myself for making it half way."

Canada's Next Top Model airs Tuesday nights on CTV.

Rebeccah Wyse was kicked off Canada's Next Top Model.

Auf der Maur has 'no clue' about reported Hole reunion

MUSIC Former Hole bassist Melissa Auf der Maur says she has "no clue" about the band's reported reunion.

A recent blog post on British rock mag NME's website said that Hole would reunite and release a new album called Nobody's Daughter, which the band's frontwoman Courtney Love had been working on in-studio with the aim of a late 2009/early 2010 release.

The posting said Auf der Maur, a Montreal native, had contributed backing vocals to the record and would play bass with the band when they went out on tour. But Auf der Maur says she hasn't contributed anything to the record, and hasn't been asked to join them on tour.

"I actually don't know (about the reunion)," she said in an interview at a downtown Toronto hotel. "I have no idea."

"I am very proud of my time in Hole, I'm very grateful for my 'big sister' Courtney and the initial door that she opened for me in music and I have literally no comment, other than she and I have been in touch for the first time in a decade, and I know she's in the studio and I'm excited to hear what she makes."

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The Proposal tops Canadian box office

Top 10 films in Canada from June 19-21: 1. The Proposal, $2,724,847; 2. The Hangover, $2,370,858; 3. Up, $2,223,147; 4. Year One, $1,613,789; 5. The Taking of Pelham 123, $1,020,392. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peace and love at rock hall

MUSIC Peace and love will last a lot longer than three days at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, which is celebrating Woodstock's 40th anniversary with a new exhibit.

From July 3 to November 29, the Cleveland-based centre will feature items from the three-day weekend in upstate New York. There are an array of events that are being planned to commemorate the anniversary of Woodstock, which took place in August 1969 and featured Janis Joplin, the Who, Jimi Hendrix and other rock acts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Explosive sound takes off

New dance-oriented album The E.N.D. propels Black Eyed Peas

The leader of the Black Eyed Peas has some helpful suggestions about when exactly to crank up the group's latest CD.

"In the club. Getting ready for the club. After the club," says will.i.am, smiling. "At a party. Before the party. After the party. When stressed out — to escape."

Got it. Any other times?

"After you've escaped and you want to party," he says with a laugh.

If you haven't guessed by now — and the massively successful first single Boom Boom Pow is a major tip off — the Peas' sound has taken a booty-shaking turn.

The band's club-driven fifth studio album — The E.N.D., which stands for the Energy Never Dies — is something of a departure for the foursome, known more for their pop-inspired hip-hop tunes like Let's Get It Started and My Humps.

The 15-song, Interscope-released CD is a beat-heavy party soundtrack, filled with tempo changes and distorted voices, careening from synth soul to electro funk.

"This record is our most focused," will.i.am says after the group performed recently on NBC's Today show. "It commands people to the dance floor, rather than suggesting that dancing would be a cool idea."

The command is being heard: The album debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts this month and its first single has been downloaded more than 2,800,000 times, spending 11 weeks atop the Billboard Hot 100 — the first time the band has cracked the chart's No. 1 spot. A second single, I Gotta Feeling, debuted at No. 2.

Rolling Stone called the album "the best thing the Black Eyed Peas have ever recorded" and Entertainment Weekly raved, "pure Top 40 nirvana." The Associated Press said it is "sure to be the soundtrack to many a summer party."

"It just takes me back to going to raves in high school," says Fergie, 34. "I used to be the girl on the stage with the glow stick, twirling it. And now I'm STILL the girl on stage with the glow stick."

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Steve Berman, the president of marketing and sales at Interscope Geffen A&M, credits will.i.am for savvily tapping into the worldwide explosion of DJ culture.

"He really saw that there was a lane here that artistically had been explored for a long time but commercially was just starting to be tapped into," he says.

Will.i.am was inspired to yank the band in a new musical direction while in Australia, filming his role as a teleporting mutant in X-Men Origins: Wolverine.

The 34-year-old sonic guru naturally wanted to check out the hip-hop clubs Down Under. Locals told him he was out of luck: Hip-hop, he was told, was dead. To prove it, he was taken to a massive club in Sydney and was greeted by a blast of hardcore electronic music.

"I was like 'Whoa. What is this?' It felt like hip-hop but there was no vocals," he says. "It reminded me of when hip-hop was dance-oriented."

Will.i.am soon pulled out his DJ gear and began experimenting with his own monstrous beats. Other DJs were consulted, other clubs were visited and the rest of the band soon followed his Pied Piper shuffle.

"Hip-hop is forever changing and growing, borrowing, reinterpreting, expanding," says will.i.am. "This sound that we have now is paying homage to where hip-hop came from."

The three-time Grammy Award winners are touring Europe and plan to hook up with U2 on the road before hitting Japan this summer. Fergie is pumped, saying she's as excited as when she first joined the band in 2003.

On a less uplifting note, Perez Hilton and will.i.am are currently feuding online over a claim by the celebrity blogger that he was punched by the band's manager following the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto this week.

Toronto police have confirmed a Liborio Molina, 36, of California was arrested and charged with assault after an incident near a downtown bar at about 3 a.m. Monday. He's set to appear in court Aug. 5 in Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Good advice for children
Kevin Spacey would rather be a drug addict than a politician. He told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "I would rather become a crack addict. I think you can be just as effective in public service." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Saved by television?

When he realized he'd been separated from his family on a weekend hike in a forest, nine-year-old Grayson Wynne's thoughts turned to television.

Greyson watches Man vs. Wild — shown under the title Born Survivor in Britain — every week with his brothers and his dad. On the show, British adventurer Bear Grylls strands himself in the wilderness and then shows viewers how to survive the sticky situations.

That's where Grayson says he learned to leave clues behind to help searchers find him.

On Saturday, when he was scared and alone in the Ashley National Forest in northern Utah, Grayson started tearing up his yellow rain slicker, despite the intermittent downpours, and tying pieces to trees.

"I just used my hands," said Grayson, who was found safe Sunday after spending 18 hours lost in the forest. "I don't know how many times I tore the thing but quite a lot."

Grayson was among a party of about 15 family members that left Saturday. The group stopped along the trail to tighten a saddle on a horse at some point, said Grayson's dad, Kynan Wynne. But Grayson didn't realize it and went ahead of the pack before diverting onto a smaller trail in the thick forest.

"Somewhere he got the idea ... (to) retrace your steps if you have to, to leave a trail."
Kynan Wynne, father of boy lost in woods

Although Kynan Wynne was concerned for his son's safety, he was also confident in the boy's resilience. "Somewhere he got the idea that for multiple reasons, not just for people to find you, but to retrace your steps if you have to, to leave a trail," Kynan Wynne said.

Greyson created a small shelter overnight under a fallen tree. The next day, he decided to follow a creek. Grayson also left a couple of clues for searchers that he didn't mean to.

He dropped a granola bar wrapper about 300 metres off the main trail. Searchers also found a small footprint and a backpack about 400 metres from the wrapper.

"I was just being pretty stupid that I dropped the backpack," Grayson said. "I was just panicking too much."

When Grayson heard a helicopter overhead, he ran into a meadow and waved the last piece of his jacket. But two searchers on horseback saw him first. "It was such a good feeling that I was going to be all right," said Grayson.

The Daggett County sheriff's office credited the searchers, volunteers and Grayson's common sense for the positive outcome.

"The thing that he recognized from the show, regardless of the circumstances you're in, you are capable of surviving," Kynan Wynne said.

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Hockey stars vs. figure skaters

REALITY SERIES Former NHL heavyweights Lanny McDonald, Glenn Anderson, Tie Domi and Bob Probert are among the hockey stars who have signed up for an elimination-style reality series that will pair them with female figure skaters.

The CBC's seven-week series will also feature Hockey Night in Canada analyst Craig Simpson and two-time Stanley Cup-winner Stephane Richer.

Hosts
- Hockey Night in Canada's Ron MacLean and figure skating champ Kurt Browning will host the seven-week series.

The broadcaster says the hockey stars will be paired with some of Canada's top female figure skaters in a showdown that begins in October.

The female figure skaters have yet to be chosen.

Battle of the Blades is set to anchor a fall lineup on CBC that includes the new comedy 18 to Life, about teenage newlyweds, and The Republic of Doyle, about a father-son team of private investigators.

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Bring back the rat-tat-tat: Romantic gangsters return

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

These days movie gangsters only seem to come out of The Sopranos or Goodfellas mould. Most of the time we're limited realistic wise guys who are both charming and frightening.

That's all well and good — some of the best movies ever made have sprung from this style — but whatever happened to the romantic gangsters of old?

The classic '30s mobsters who spat out tongue twisting one-liners as fast as the bullets that came out of their Tommy guns; the guys who dressed in sharp suits, lived in the finest hotels, and went out with high-class dangerous ladies who could only be described as "dames."

With the release of Michael Mann's highly anticipated Public Enemies next week, it's time to look back at the best of the old school gangster flicks. From the original black and white classics that created the genre to the stylized modern mobsters movies that contemporary directors have made in honor of the past.

Johnny Depp stars in Michael Mann's Public Enemies.

• **SCARFACE (1931)** Produced by Howard Hughes and directed by Howard Hawks, this nasty little movie was so shocking at the time that it was one of the primary causes of the start of film censorship. Al Pacino's instantly iconic performance in the 1983 remake may have eclipsed this Scarface in terms of brand name recognition, but original still holds up quite well.

• **LITTLE CAESAR (1931)** This film might not be as polished as the other founding mobster movies, but it wins points for having the most memorable gangster of the era, seeeee. Edward G. Robinson's unforgettable nasal voiced crime lord was the go-to mobster voice in countless cartoons and parodies until Marlon Brando created The Godfather.

• **THE PUBLIC ENEMY (1931)** You simply can't have a list of classic gangster movies without at least one entry featuring James Cagney. His "top of the world ma" speech in White Heat might be one his most memorable onscreen moment, and The Public Enemy is his best movie by a mile. The rags-to-riches crime film was considered so shocking at the time that a warning was attached to the opening and re-releases had to be edited for content.

• **THE UNTOUCHABLES (1987)** Brian DePalma brought back smart suited gangsters with style in this '80s blockbuster. Robert DeNiro's Al Capone made organized crime look more decadent that anyone else thanks to a massive costume budget. Just don't get in his way when he's clutching a bat and spitting out an eloquent David Mamet monologue about baseball. That'll get you into trouble.

• **MILLERS CROSSING (1990)** The Coen Brothers brought black Tommy gun gangsters with their trademark style and self-conscious wit in this modern masterpiece. With character names like "the Dane" and loopy lines like "take your flunky and dangle," the Coen's classic seemed like the ultimate '30s gangster revival. Well, at least until Michael Mann headed to Chicago with Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.

What about the children?

REALITY With a divorce imminent between reality TV parents Jon and Kate Gosselin, parenting experts say it's time to put the interests of the children — a pair of fraternal twins and sextuplets — before anything else.

"I'm concerned that the parents' love of the media and the dollars that are being generated from this (show) is going to supercede the children's emotional interests," said psychotherapist and parenting expert Alyson Schäfer. The couple announced they're seeking divorce on their show Jon & Kate Plus 8 on Monday night, acknowledging the toll their increasingly bitter relationship is having on their children.

"With any divorce, the kids come first," said Schäfer, author of the best-selling book, Honey, I Wrecked the Kids. "I'd want to make sure that there was representation for the kids, both from a counselling point of view and probably from a legal point of view," she added.

Ann Douglas, an author who blogs on parenting issues, said it's also vital that the estranged parents not engage in a campaign to win over the hearts of their children at the expense of the other.

"First of all, when you're getting divorced, don't bash the other parent and undercut their credibility. That's really important," Douglas said.

Douglas noted that the sniping had already begun, even before the couple's announced plans to divorce.

Despite Kate Gosselin's assertion that the marriage would have failed whether "the world was watching or not," both experts say the strain of living in the media spotlight was likely a contributing factor.

"Frankly, if you took any home and put it under the microscope — it wouldn't matter how many kids you have — it would change the family dynamics," Schäfer said.

Douglas said both parents should consider ending the program, which is in its fifth season, or risk damaging their children.

"If these kids look back on the footage and say, 'What were my parents thinking? Why did they raise me on reality TV?' and especially when things got bad, 'Why did they keep the cameras rolling?' this could end up being very damaging to the children," Douglas said.

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Hiatus

• Jon & Kate Plus 8 will go on hiatus until August following the Gosselins' separation announcement on Monday's episode, TLC said in a statement, tvguide.com reports.

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Harry Potter tales typically come in near $300 million. The next movie comes out mid-July.

Summer films on fire

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, opening today, and Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, coming in mid-July, are this year's surefire Hollywood blockbusters.

Last year's smash hit, The Dark Knight, was the biggest box-office behemoth in more than a decade. If history holds true, the combination of Transformers and Harry Potter should more than match the whopping $533.3 million haul of last year's The Dark Knight and keep the movie business on track to beat last year's summer record revenue of $4.2 billion.

While ticket sales have been brisk this season, Hollywood fell into a bit of a slump this month, when receipts three weekends in a row fell short of business over the same periods last year.

Nearing the halfway mark of the season, revenues are at $1.7 billion, a fraction ahead of summer 2008's, according to Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com.

But at this point a year ago, the debut of The Dark Knight was still a month away. The film was a phenomenon, giving Hollywood a stellar second wind at a point in summer when the box office often starts to trickle off.

Things trailed off this month, significantly eroding the record box-office pace studios have been maintaining for the entire year.

"June gloom definitely hit the box office, but I think things are going to turn around," Dergarabedian said. "We've got that one-two punch of Transformers and Harry Potter."

"There's quite a number of big movies yet to come. I was convinced beforehand that this summer was going to be bigger than the last, and I remain convinced that it's going to be."
Mark Zoradi, president of the motion-picture group at Disney

The first Transformers did $319 million domestically in summer 2007, while the Harry Potter tales typically come in near $300 million. If the latest installments match that, they will combine for a $600 million infusion into this summer's totals.

"I think summer is just starting in a big way this coming week," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution at Sony, which released Angels&Demons and has Katherine Heigl's romance The Ugly Truth and the Julia Childs tale Julie and Julia with Meryl Streep still to come.

Sandra Bullock's romantic comedy The Proposal did better business than expected this past weekend, giving the industry a lift on the eve of Transformers.

"There's quite a number of big movies yet to come," said Mark Zoradi, president of the motion-picture group at Disney, which released The Proposal and scored a $200 million smash with the animated adventure Up. "I was convinced beforehand that this summer was going to be bigger than the last, and I remain convinced that it's going to be."

Fourth of July weekend brings the animated sequel Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs and the gangster saga Public Enemies, starring Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.

The string of potential hits continues with Bruno, Borat-creator Sacha Baron Cohen's new mock documentary; G-Force, a family action comedy from blockbuster producer Jerry Bruckheimer; Funny People, teaming Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen with comedy maestro Judd Apatow; G.I. Joe, an action thriller based on the military toys; and Inglourious Basterds, Quentin Tarantino's World War II epic starring Brad Pitt.

Before summer, Hollywood had been on a box-office tear, filling the typically slow winter and spring months with hits such as Paul Blart: Mall Cop, Taken and Fast&Furious.

Revenues for the year had been up as much as 17.4 per cent, according to box-office figures compiled by Hollywood.com. For the year, revenues now are at $4.8 billion, up 10.4 per cent from last year's.

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TIFF to shine on Tel Aviv

FILM FEST The Toronto International Film Festival is putting the spotlight on Tel Aviv this year with a new program that will present the best movies from and about a selected city.

Organizers say the City to City program will also include a public forum featuring filmmakers from Tel Aviv and Toronto.

Tel Aviv celebrates its 100th birthday in 2009.

The Toronto fest has also announced its first selections for the annual movie marathon, which will include 26 works from around the world.

They include films from industry veterans Manoel de Oliveira of Portugal, who turns 101 this year, France's Alain Resnais and Japan's Hirokazu Kore-eda.

The festival runs Sept. 10 to 19.

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Cannavale back on Cold Case

Cupid's unfortunate misfire has turned into a big hit for Cold Case. Bobby Cannavale, the star of ABC's short-lived romantic-comedy reboot, is now on his way back to the CBS show. Cannavale will reprise his role of Det. Eddie Saccardo for at least three episodes. TVGUIDE.COM

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Music left for dead

Exquisite Corpse plays homage to those who came before

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

Herein lies a challenge for any composer, classical-based or otherwise: Come up with a segment of music plus two extra notes on paper, hide those notes from view, pass on to the next composer who, utilizing those trailing two notes as a point of departure, would do the same for another composer in a group.

This particular "game," named Exquisite Corpse, has attracted the attention of Contact, a Toronto-based ensemble skilled in genre-bending experimental, classical and alternative works. The group's main organization, Contact Contemporary Music, requested that three groups of composers from Toronto, Vancouver and New York take part in this game and collectively compose three original works for the seven-piece group to perform.

"The funny part was the composers were going to do these works by e-mail and two small measures at a time plus two extra notes simply was not enough," explains Contact percussionist Jerry Pergolesi. "So we just let them write these long pieces however they wanted to do it. No restraint, no set limitations."

The resultant works will be performed at the Music Gallery on Friday night, an event recognized as part of Pride Week festivities.

The tie-in to Pride is crucial, Pergolesi says, especially given Exquisite Corpse's historical background.

The game got its start around the time of World War I, invented by a Paris-based cultural movement of artists and writers dubbed the Surrealists, and later extended to other genres, including animation, digital art and ultimately music.

"There's not a DJ alive who doesn't owe his career to John Cage."
Jerry Pergolesi

American avant-garde composers John Cage, Henry Cowell, Lou Harrison and Virgil Thomson were among the most notable composers of experimental music to have participated in the game around the 1940s.

All of these men, Pergolesi points out, were homosexuals during a time when the gay community was being heavily ostracized by public at large.

"Cowell denied being part of the gay community, yet he was arrested for alleged homosexuality activities and spent a lot of time in jail," Pergolesi says. "Cage never came out of the closet, same with Thomson. But Harrison was surprising always open about it.

"Yet all of these men were very highly influential in music. In fact, there's not a DJ alive who doesn't owe his career to John Cage."

Pergolesi explains the primary aim of the Exquisite Corpse performance is to "pay homage to the these men, who were able to think outside the box and thrive on their sense of adventure and spirit."

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More details

- Exquisite Corpse takes place at the Music Gallery, Friday at 9 p.m.
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Friends in need

Five years after Friends went off the air, Courteney Cox Arquette is still there for Lisa Kudrow. The Friends are staging a mini-reunion on July 6, when Cox Arquette makes a guest appearance on Kudrow's online comedy series Web Therapy, according to the Hollywood Reporter. PEOPLE.COM

Death a painkiller overdose

Authorities say former Wilco guitarist Jay Bennett overdosed on a pain killer and that they're investigating his death as an accident.

Champaign County Coroner Duane Northrup says tests show the 45-year-old musician died from fentanyl. The drug is found in patches commonly prescribed to treat chronic pain.

Bennett died May 24 after being found unresponsive in his home in Urbana.

He worked as a sound engineer and played instruments for Wilco from 1994 to 2001.

Bennett sued Wilco lead singer Jeff Tweedy in early May. Bennett claimed he was owed royalties for songs during his seven years with the group.

Bennett was born in the Chicago suburb of Rolling Meadows and graduated from the University of Illinois.

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Mexican singer's home broken into

CRIME Officials say Mexican pop singer Paulina Rubio's home in Miami Beach was broken into and a remote to the front gate and keys are missing.

Rubio's manager Marya Meyer on Monday confirmed the break-in, but said it was being assessed what was taken.

Rubio was in Spain promoting her new album Gran City Pop. It comes out Tuesday.

Police say the break-in was reported Saturday. A Miami Beach police report says Rubio's stepfather, Luis Rivas, found the doors wide open and footprints inside. Rivas couldn't say if anything was taken.

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In brief

BOOKS Four books that have been long out of print by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will be published again under a deal brokered by King's youngest son. On Jan. 18, 2010 — the federal holiday observing what would have been King's 80th birthday — the publisher will release new editions of several of King's works. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Beloved sidekick dies

Ed McMahon, the loyal Tonight Show sidekick who bolstered boss Johnny Carson with guffaws and a resounding "H-e-e-e-e-e-ere's Johnny!" for 30 years, died early yesterday. He was 86.

McMahon died shortly after midnight at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center surrounded by his wife, Pam, and other family members, said his publicist, Howard Bragman.

Bragman didn't give a cause of death, saying only that McMahon had a "multitude of health problems the last few months."

McMahon broke his neck in a fall in March 2007, and battled a series of financial problems as his injuries prevented him from working.

Doc Severinson, Tonight bandleader during the Carson era, said McMahon was a man "full of life and joy and celebration."

"He will be sorely missed. He was one of the greats in show business, but most of all he was a gentleman. I miss my friend," Severinson said in a statement.

Jerry Digney, who was McMahon's longtime publicist, said McMahon was the most "courtly, good-natured person you could ever meet" and that he brought "elegance, humour and a new sense of importance" to the role of second banana.

McMahon and Carson had worked together for nearly five years on the game show Who Do You Trust? when Carson took over NBC's late-night show from Jack Paar in October 1962. McMahon played second banana on Tonight until Carson retired in 1992.

McMahon, who never failed to laugh at his Carson's quips, kept his supporting role in perspective.

"It's like a pitcher who has a favourite catcher," he told The Associated Press in an interview in 1993. "The pitcher gets a little help from the catcher, but the pitcher's got to throw the ball. Well, Johnny Carson had to throw the ball, but I could give him a little help."

McMahon's medical and financial problems kept him in the headlines in his last years. It was reported in June 2008 that he was facing possible foreclosure on his Beverly Hills home. By year's end, a deal was worked out allowing him to stay in his home, but legal action involving other alleged debts continued.

Among those who had stepped up with offers of help was Donald Trump.

"When I was at the Wharton School of Business I'd watch him every night," Trump told the Los Angeles Times in August. "How could this happen?"

McMahon even spoofed his own problems with a spot that aired during the 2009 Super Bowl promoting a cash-for-gold business. Pairing up with rap artist MC Hammer, he explained how easy it is to turn gold items into cash, jokingly saying "Goodbye, old friend" to a gold toilet and rolling out a convincing "H-e-e-e-e-e-ere's money!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ed McMahon — shown here at the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards in September 2008 — died yesterday at age 86.

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	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports (HDTV)		American Greed		Secrets of the Knight		Mad Money
sports	405	417	22	net	Air Racing From Windsor, Ont.				Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30	TSN	MLB Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.						SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
	411	457	58	OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures		Survivorman		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures
	417	406	81	SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Amer. Thunder	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pimp My Ride
family	551	542	25	YTV	In Real Life		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45	TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken	Father of Pride	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
cable variety	602	567	27	W	Clean	Friends	Grocery	W Expert	Love It or List It		Save Us-House	Maxed Out	Maxed Out
	570	580	29	MM	One Tree Hill		Degrassi: TNG	Instant Star	2009 MuchMusic Video Awards				One Tree Hill
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Tattoo High.	Tattoo High.	Tattoo High.
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	Soccer				Raymond	Raymond	George Lopez
	571	581	36	MMM	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out.		I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out.		The Daily Fix		Entourage	I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out.	
	575	583	38	CMT	CMT Star Crossed		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Karaoke Star
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		The Guard (HDTV)		*Abducted* (2007, Drama) Sarah Wynter, Andrew Walker.				House
	620	523	40	BVO	The Achievers	Bravo!Videos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan File	Wingfield	Wingfield	Death at-Opera	Broadway	Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	NCIS "Light Sleeper"		Cities of the Underworld		Ice Road Truckers		NCIS "Light Sleeper"		Sea Hunters
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show	Tosh.0	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Big City Broker	The Stagers	Unsellable	Hid Potential	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Atlanta Braves. (HDTV) From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)						Home Videos	Seinfeld	Family Guy
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		*Never Die Alone* ★★ (2004, Suspense) DMX.				Top 12-BET Awards		*Never Die Aln*
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Primeval (N)		Stormworld (N)	Grand Star	Stargate SG-1
	581	566	52	MTV	Teen Cribs	After	MTV News	Room Raiders	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	The Real World (N)		MTV Live
	618	524	54	TROP	The Crow: Stairway to Heaven		What Happen?	What Happen?	Seinfeld	Raymond	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	603	561	56	FOOD	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Dear Food Network		The Wild Chef
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Foot in Grave	Doc Martin		Driven-Vision	Supernatural	Poltergeist
	621	527	63	STR	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		TMZ (N)	etalk	Canada's Next Top Model		Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101	TVA	Poule-oeufs or	Histoires-filles	*La Vie secrète des gens heureux* (2006, Com. dramatique)				TVA 22 heures	Sucré-salé	*Elvis Gratton*
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal	RDI en direct	Le Téléjournal	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Medium		The Closer "Mom Duty"		Mediums	Psychic Detect	Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	(7:15) *Bratz* ★ (2007, Comedy) Nathalia Ramos.				*Step Brothers* ★★ (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell.				*Sex Drive*
	305	612	306	PIX	*Curtis's Charm*	(7:20) *Top of the Food Chain* (1999)			*Creature From the Black Lagoon* (1954)			*Revenge of the Creature*	

critics' corner

The Philanthropist
James Purefoy ("Rome") stars in this new drama series as billionaire playboy Teddy Rist, whose life is changed irrevocably after he rescues a boy during a hurricane. Buoyed by the experience, Teddy resolves to channel his power, passion and money into helping those in need, while exorcising his own demons in the process. Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") and Neve Campbell also star. 10 PM on GTV

Creature From the Black Lagoon
Horror-film makeup has come a long way in 50 years, but in its day, this 1954 chiller elevated the hair on the head of many moviegoer. The title half-fish, half-man creature — found by the members of an expedition in the Amazon — is especially intrigued by the sole woman (Julia Adams, who screams quite well) in the group. The monster is played in the underwater sequences by veteran cameraman Ricou Browning. 11:15 AM on PIX

Sweet Betty's naughty jokes?

QUIP Ryan Reynolds says his co-star in The Proposal really knows how to deliver a ribald joke — and he's talking about Betty White, not Sandra Bullock. Reynolds says the 87-year-old White had the best exit line when shooting wrapped. White, one of the stars of the 1980s sitcom The Golden Girls, told the cast and crew it was the "most fun" she'd ever had making a movie, then added, "standing up."

Director charged with rape, assault

COURTS A New York City prosecutor says Joseph Brooks, the Oscar-winning songwriter and director behind You Light Up My Life, has been charged with rape and sexual assault. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya's Style
Kenya Hunt
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Things dads shouldn't say
Angelina Jolie's dad sees the similarities between his daughter and Megan Fox, usmagazine.com reports. "Well, they are both very beautiful women, and they are both sexy gals, you know," Jon Voight said. "And they're both in action pictures now." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kabbalah vacay for Madge clan

FALL GETAWAY Madonna is taking her newly adopted daughter Mercy on holiday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — a devout follower of the mystical Jewish faith Kabbalah — wants to take the four-year-old, and her other adopted son David, to see the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

The trip will happen in September to coincide with Madonna's final date of her Sticky and Sweet tour in Tel Aviv, Israel.

A source told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "Madonna wants to give Mercy enough time to settle into her new home. By September she feels she will be ready to take the trip without the danger of upheaval.

"The Wailing Wall is a very sacred place for anyone with links to the Jewish faith and she wants the children to see it."

Mercy flew from her home country of Malawi to London to start a new life with the 50-year-old singer on Saturday.

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Amy's surrogate 'mummy'

ALTERNATE LIFE Amy Winehouse is calling a pub owner "mummy," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer — whose alcohol-fuelled antics have caused concern for her parents while she is staying in St. Lucia — has grown close to a woman named Marjorie who runs her favourite bar on the island, and now thinks of her as family.

A source told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "She bounds into her local, Marjorie's Beach Bar, shouting, 'Mummy! Mummy!' on a daily basis.

"She's not only close to Marjorie but also her sons. She'll spend hours in there with them."

Winehouse's parents — who divorced when the 25-year-old singer was young — recently released pictures of their drunken daughter slumped over while playing the drums. They have also spoken out about her problems, saying her alcohol addiction is "killing" them.

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GLAAD rips into Perez

THE OTHER F-WORD During a heated confrontation with Black Eyed Peas star Will.i.am over the weekend, gossip blogger Perez Hilton decided to call him the "worst possible thing that thug would ever want to hear," popeater.com reports.

Unfortunately for him, that "thing" was an anti-gay slur, and that move has angered a powerful gay rights group that is now calling for an apology from the self-dubbed Queen of All Media.

GLAAD was responding to a video posted by the blogger, whose real name is Mario Lavandeira, in which he relayed his version of a much-discussed altercation with Will.i.am and his entourage.

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Elisabeth served with suit

UNDER FIRE More drama for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, usmagazine.com reports. The View co-host — who sparks controversy for her conservative opinions — is being sued by an author who claims Hasselbeck, 32, stole her book idea.

Self-published author Susan Hassett states in a federal lawsuit filed in Boston that Hasselbeck infringed on her copyrights by publishing a book on celiac disease called The G-Free Diet: A Gluten-Free Survival Guide last month, the Boston Herald reports.

Publicists for ABC and Hasselbeck's publisher, Hachette Book Group, could not be reached for comment by the Herald.

Hasselbeck — who is pregnant with her third child — recently announced she suffers from celiac disease, which damages the small intestine and interferes with nutrient absorption.

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It's a girl, and another girl, for SJP

SURROGATE BIRTH It's double the joy for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick, who have welcomed twin girls, according to several local news outlets in Ohio, people.com reports.

A spokesperson for East Ohio Regional Hospital had no comment, but told People "everything's good." Reps for the couple could not be reached for comment.

"I'm thrilled for Sarah, Matthew and James Wilkie," Sex and the City co-star Kim Cattrall said Tuesday after the babies' births were reported. "More 'fabulous girls' are joining our SATC family."

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GETTY IMAGES

Farrah hospitalized again

POOR HEALTH In her continued battle with cancer, Farrah Fawcett has again returned to a Los Angeles hospital, a source tells People magazine. The actress has been hospitalized for at least two weeks.

The source indicates that the actress, who was first diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006, is not doing well.

"There was a moment last week when she was supposed to be released and was going home but things changed," said the source.

Fawcett's publicist Arnold Robinson said, "She is still being treated for her condition."

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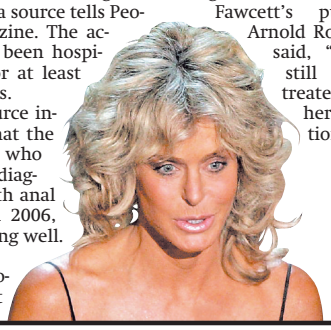

Bikinis OK in Dubai: Paris

EXCEPTIONS There have been a lot of concerns surrounding Paris Hilton as she films her latest reality show in Dubai, especially after she was photographed recently at the beach in a bikini, something it was assumed local officials wouldn't be thrilled about. But Hilton was quick to take to her Twitter account to set the record straight.

"One of my friends just called me from back home and asked if I got in trouble for wearing a bikini at the beach here," she wrote. "Everyone at the beach and pool was wearing swimsuits or bikinis. What do you expect people to wear? It's over 100 degrees out here."

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No more Speidi, viewers beg

ENOUGH E! News is banning any further updates on Heidi and Spencer Pratt.

The channel's site ran a poll recently asking readers if they'd had enough of the couple, and a whopping 94 per cent said yes, so the editors have vowed to ignore the reality stars from now on.

"Barring any actual news (e.g., she gets knocked up, he falls off a cliff or — heaven help us — her album goes to No. 1), consider this their very last post," they said in a blog post.

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The Couch Comparison
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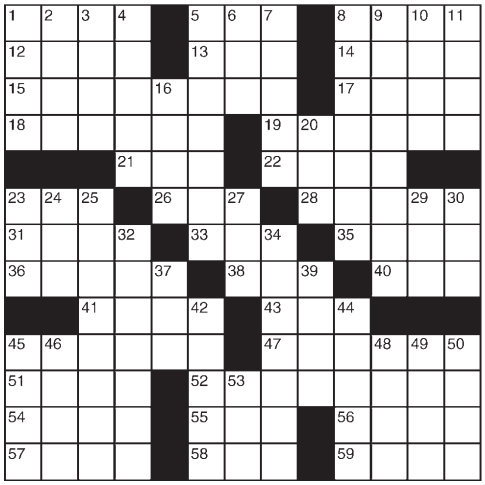

Crossword across

1 Catchall abbr.
5 Felon's flight
8 Basilica section
12 Initial chip
13 Actress Larter
14 Converse
15 Rogue
17 Undecided
18 Piercing
19 Anatomical rupture
21 Copper head?
22 Genealogy chart
23 Relative of a peke
26 Bonfire residue
28 TV's Gomez Addams
31 Use a rotary phone
33 Round Table address
35 Benefit
36 Extraterrestrial
38 Encountered
40 Obtain
41 Manicure site
43 23-Across' place, often
45 Pamper
47 See 34-Down
51 Shrek is one
52 Potpourri
54 Winged
55 Rhyming honour
56 Additionally
57 Stamina (Sl.)
58 Head movement
59 Not so much

Crossword down

1 Church service
2 Part of the foot?
3 Celebrity
4 "As You Like It" role
5 Anarchic
6 Chicken-king link
7 Has potential
8 Ingenue, e.g.
9 Repeated attempts to contact
10 Ganges garment
11 Sicilian volcano
16 Goya's "Duchess of —"
20 Historic time
23 Palm Pilot, e.g.
24 Lubricate
25 Principal street
27 That guy
29 Mamie's man
30 Trawler need
32 Guides
34 Calm
37 Zero
39 London gallery
42 Lousy car
44 Bicycle part
45 Brat's stocking stuffer
46 Look lasciviously
48 Competent
49 Back talk
50 Ids' counterparts
53 Altar affirmative

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5	9			4		8		6
		6						2
7					2		4	
		5	4		1			
1				3				8
			7		9	5		
	5		8					1
2						3		
6		7		1			9	4

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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N	A	E	■	R	I	D	■	P	H	O	T	O
■	■	■	B	I	D	■	J	E	T	■	■	■
V	A	D	U	Z	■	W	O	N	O	V	E	R
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N	O	D	E	■	A	S	H	■	U	R	A	L
E	N	O	L	■	B	E	T	■	B	E	G	S

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3	6	9	7	5	8	1	2	4
5	7	1	3	4	2	9	6	8
9	1	3	8	2	6	4	7	5
6	5	8	4	3	7	2	9	1
4	7	2	1	9	5	6	8	3
4	9	6	5	8	3	7	1	2
2	3	5	9	7	1	8	4	6
1	8	7	2	6	4	3	5	9

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Meatballs with Creole Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 large onion
1 1/3 lb (600g) ground beef
1 large egg
3 tbsp (45 ml) plain flour
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot paprika
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil

SAUCE:

1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1 medium green pepper
1 medium red pepper
2 cloves garlic
2 sticks celery
1 can (19oz / 540ml) chopped tomatoes
1 bay leaf
1 tsp (5 ml) cayenne pepper
1 tsp (5 ml) hot paprika
1 tsp (5 ml) molasses

METHOD:

1. For meatballs, peel and chop onion. Put half into large bowl with beef, egg, flour, cayenne, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly and set aside.
2. For Creole sauce, heat oil in large pot over moderate heat, fry remaining onion until softened, then rinse, deseed and chop peppers and stir into onion.
3. Peel garlic and crush into pot. Rinse and chop celery and stir into pot. Cook 2 minutes.
4. Add tomatoes and their juice, bay leaf, cayenne, paprika, molasses and 1/2 cup (125 mL) of water and bring mixture to boil. Then simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until sauce is thick but vegetables still retain crunch.
5. While sauce is simmering, cook meatballs: Heat oil slowly in very large frying pan. With wet hands, shape meat mixture into 16 balls, about size of golf balls, and put carefully into hot oil. Fry over high heat 10 minutes, until browned all over and just cooked on inside.
6. Season Creole sauce to taste with salt and pepper and serve with meatballs.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone you are close to emotionally is in a rebellious mood and you may be tempted to say something harsh. Don't. It will only make it worse.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You are right to be pleased that you were proved correct — and those who swore blind that you did not know what you were talking about got it wrong.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may be eager to cash in on your latest big idea but it will take a sizeable investment of time and energy, so plan carefully before you begin.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Be bold, be brave and be the best you possibly can in all things. Most people don't aim high enough and therefore fall short of their potential.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun's transit of the most sensitive area of your chart will inevitably make you a bit crabby at times, but that's not a bad thing.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you are open and honest with people, they will be open and honest with you and together you'll do wonderful things.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Allow the ambitious side of your nature to come to the fore. Encourage yourself to do more and do better. You have almost unlimited potential.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You seem much more like your old self of late and the Sun in your fellow Water sign of Cancer will give you the confidence to try new things.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you think that you deserve a bigger share of the spoils it is your right and your duty to speak up about it. Don't worry that you might look greedy.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
An upbeat attitude is essential today, especially if you are one of those Capricorns who tends to take life a bit too seriously at times. Look around you.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are feeling bored with your current routine then it is up to you to do something about it. No one can make life more interesting for you.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The Sun in Cancer may be a protective influence but that does not mean you can let down your guard. Trust no one.

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STARTING SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2009, THERE WILL BE CHANGES TO SOME GO TRAIN & BUS SERVICES.

NEW 07-NIAGARA FALLS GO TRAIN
Operates June 27 to October 12, 2009 on weekends and holidays, with stops at Union Station, Port Credit, Oakville, Burlington, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. Overnight group passes are available.

09-LAKESHORE EAST BUS
A new weekday eastbound trip will depart Oshawa GO Station at 4:40 p.m., serve various stops in Oshawa, Courtice and Bowmanville, and arrive in Newcastle at 5:34.

16-HAMILTON QEW GO BUS
There will be minor adjustments to the weekday schedule to better reflect typical travel times.

21-MILTON GO TRAIN & BUS
A new weekday eastbound train will depart Milton GO Station at 8:08 a.m., serve all stops, and arrive at Union Station at 9:04.

With this new train, bus trips arriving at Union Station between 9:20 and 9:40 a.m. will be discontinued including some eastbound trips stopping in Milton at Main & Martin, on Derry Rd., and at the Square One GO Bus Terminal.

A new weekday westbound train will depart Union at 5:40 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive in Milton at 6:38.

The weekday eastbound train that departs Milton at 7:58 a.m. will now depart at 7:53, and times will be five minutes earlier at all stops along the route including arrival at Union.

The weekday westbound train that departs Union at 5:30 p.m. will now depart at 5:25, and times will be five minutes earlier at all stops along the route including arrival in Milton.

32-BRAMPTON TRINITY COMMON GO BUS
There will be minor adjustments to the weekday westbound schedule for most trips to better reflect typical travel times.

46-HWY. 407 WEST GO BUS
There will be changes to some departure times and some trips will now serve the new carpool lot at Hurontario and Hwy. 407. Some weekday and all Sunday and holiday trips will be discontinued for the summer.

50-U OF T SCARBOROUGH-CENTENNIAL COLLEGE GO BUS
Service will be discontinued for the summer.

52-HWY. 407 EAST GO BUS
There will be some earlier departures so be sure to check the new schedule. Some weekday and all Sunday and holiday trips will be discontinued for the summer.

64-NEWMARKET-YORK UNIVERSITY GO BUS
Some trips will be discontinued for the summer.

65-BARRIE-BRADFORD GO TRAIN & BUS
Some weekday southbound trains will depart a little later so be sure to check the new schedule.

69-SUTTON GO BUS
The weekday southbound trip that departs Sutton at 9:00 a.m. will now depart at 8:50, and times will be earlier at some stops along the route.

There will be minor adjustments to the weekday schedule for all trips to better reflect typical travel times.

81-PORT PERRY GO BUS
A new weekday southbound trip will depart Port Perry at 6:30 a.m., make all regular stops, and arrive at the Whitby GO Station at 7:20 to connect with the 7:29 westbound train to Union.

A new weekday northbound trip will depart Whitby at 4:09 p.m., make all regular stops and arrive in Port Perry at 4:46. This trip provides a connection from the 3:13 p.m. eastbound train from Union.

94-OSHAWA HWY. 2 GO BUS
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2010 SOUL

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- 4 cylinder 1.6L, 16-valve CVVT or available 2.0L, 16-valve CVVT
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4U MODEL SHOWN

HWY: 6.3 L/100KM 45 MPG
CITY: 7.7 L/100KM 36 MPG

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CITY: 7.3 L/100KM 39 MPG

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- 2.0L CVVT, or available 2.7L V6 engine
- Standard six airbags and 4-wheel ABS
- Standard Electronic Stability Control and Traction Control System
- Power windows, locks and side mirrors
- Available all-wheel drive system

★★★★★ Crash Test Rating
NHTSA - Frontal and side impacts**

LX MODEL SHOWN

HWY: 7.8 L/100KM 36 MPG
CITY: 10.3 L/100KM 27 MPG

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*MSRP for 2010 Forte 2.0L MT (FO540A)/2010 Soul 1.6L MT (SO550A) is $15,695/$15,495. Delivery and destination fees of $1,455/$1,650 excluded. ◆Monthly lease payment for 2010 Soul 1.6L MT (SO550A) is $199 for 48 months at 3.9% lease APR with a $785 down payment. Total lease obligation is $10,357 with the option to purchase at end of term for $6,815. Delivery and destination fees of $1,650 excluded. ◆◆Purchase price for 2009 Rio EX MT (RO5429)/2009 Sportage LX MT (SP5519) is $9,995/$16,995 and includes a cash rebate of $3,600/$4,700 based on an MSRP of $13,595/$21,695. Delivery and destination fees of $1,455/$1,650 excluded. License, registration, insurance, dealer administration fees and taxes are excluded. Other lease and finance options also available. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Prices subject to change without notice. Certain restrictions may apply. ★Visit mykiaforte.ca for full contest details. ◇Anniversary Savings and 0% purchase financing available on all 2009 models for 48 months on approved credit (O.A.C.). Not applicable on future value financing. §Kia's Integrity Advantage is underwritten by Echelon General Insurance Company and is valid on any new Kia model financed or leased through an authorized Kia dealer, for up to one year after purchase, and covers negative equity up to $7,500. Please refer to your Kia Integrity Advantage insurance policy document for full terms and conditions. Only available at participating dealers. Restrictions apply. Coverage options vary by province. See your participating Kia dealer for details. The Echelon General Insurance Company logo is a Registered Trademark of Echelon General Insurance Company. ◇Highway/city fuel consumption for 2010 Soul 1.6L MT is 6.3 L (45 MPG)/7.7 L (36MPG); 2009 Rio EX MT is 5.9 L (48 MPG)/7.3 L (39 MPG); 2009 Sportage LX MT is 7.8 L (36 MPG)/10.3 L (27 MPG) per 100km. The actual fuel consumption of these vehicles may vary. These estimates are based on the Government of Canada's approved criteria and testing methods. Refer to the Government of Canada publication EnerGuide Fuel Consumption Guide. ‡Green Score for Kia Rio based on manual transmission specification within their segment. Refer to GreenerCars.org for full details. ††NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) test results. Visit www.safercar.gov for full details. †Visit autos.msn.com for full details. ^Conditions apply to the $500 Grad Rebate program, see dealer for details. +Some conditions may apply to the $750 Kia Mobility program. See dealer for details. ✤Late availability on Bluetooth hands-free option. ▼Kia's "Worry-Free Comprehensive" warranty covers most vehicle components against defects occurring under normal use and maintenance conditions. ❖For every Kia vehicle purchased, a donation will be made to the Habitat for Humanity Canada Sponsorship Program. Visit www.habitat.org for details. Bluetooth technology and SIRIUS® Satellite Radio available on select 2009 and 2010 models. The Bluetooth® word mark and logo are registered trademarks and are owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc. © 2009 SIRIUS Canada Inc. See dealer for details. Price, availability and specifications are subject to changes without notice. Some vehicles advertised may include optional accessories or after-sale equipment and may not be exactly as shown. Information in this advertisement is believed to be accurate at the time of print. Offer ends June 30, 2009 and is valid for residents of Ontario and Manitoba only. KIA is a trademark of Kia Motors Corporation.